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MacDonell School Children, Council and Conference Women at Evangeline Luncheon—March 12, 1940.

HISTORICAL DATA

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, 1879-1910.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Louisiana Conference 1891-1910.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, 1910-1940.

Annual Meetings Woman's Missionary Society

1911—Monroe, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette.
1912—Natchitoches, Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport.
1913—Baton Rouge, Mrs. Abell Bliss, Shreveport.
1914—Rayville, Mrs. Abell Bliss, Shreveport.
1915—St. Mark's, New Orleans, Mrs. Abell Bliss, Shreveport.
1916—Ruston, Mrs. Abell Bliss, Shreveport.
1917—Crowley, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1918—Shreveport, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1919—Mansfield, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1920—Lake Charles, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1921—Baton Rouge, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1922—De Ridder, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1923—Monroe, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1924—Bogalusa, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1925—Alexandria, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1926—Homer, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1927—Mansfield, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.
1928—New Orleans, Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Ruston.
1929—Ruston, Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Ruston.
1930—Lake Charles, Mrs. V. H. Spinks, Ruston.
1931—Baton Rouge, Vice-President, Mrs. S. M. Collins, Monroe.
1932—Shreveport, Mrs. S. M. Collins, Monroe.
1933—Monroe, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1934—New Orleans, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1935—De Ridder, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1936—Alexandria, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1937—Homer, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1938—Baton Rouge, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1939—Lake Charles, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.
1940—New Orleans, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

President—Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., 118 Sexton Avenue, Shreveport.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Martin, Plain Dealing.
Conference Secretary—Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, 1134 Dalzell Street, Shreveport.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. B. Pollard, 2107 Polk Street, Alexandria.
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Young Women's Groups—Mrs. H. J. Powers, 408 Ockley Drive, Shreveport.
Children's Work—Mrs. J. M. Eicher, 345 Cornell Avenue, Baton Rouge.
Literature and Publicity—Mrs. G. J. Tinsley, Lafayette.
Mission and Bible Study—Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 239 Robinson Place, Shreveport.
Christian Social Relations—Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, West Monroe.
Supplies—Mrs. C. I. Jones, 6215 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans.

District Secretaries

Alexandria—Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield.
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Lake Charles—Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., Lafayette.
Monroe—Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Alvis Hotel, Monroe.
New Orleans—Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, Houma.
Ruston—Mrs. Guy Kinnebrew, Homer.
Shreveport—Mrs. Ira Campbell, Coushatta.

Conference Workers

Deaconess Sheila Nuttall, Transylvania.
Deaconess Mamie J. Chandler, Student Work, Natchitoches.
Deaconess Margaret Infinger, Hodge.
Deaconess for Student Work at Southwestern, Lafayette, (to be appointed).

"Louisiana News"

Mrs. V. G. Hyams, Editor; Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Associate Editor, Natchitoches.

Spiritual Life

Mrs. Guy Hicks, Ruston, Chairman.

CALENDAR

January	Annual Reports made at Auxiliary meeting. Pledges and Budgets for year. Pledges reported to District Secretary. Handbook provided for each officer.
February	World-wide Day of Prayer for Missions.
March	Executive Committee Meeting.
April	Reports of 1st Quarter, made at Auxiliary Meeting. District Meetings.
May	Study of Conference Yearbook and Minutes. Houma Mission Day.
June	Conference for Christian Workers, Shreveport. Executive Committee Meeting.
July	Reports of 2nd Quarter, made at Auxiliary Meeting. Schools of Missions and Conferences Mt. Sequoyah, July 12th-23rd, 1940; Lake Junaluska, July 23rd-Aug. 6th, 1940.
September	Study Leaders Institute. Executive Committee Meeting.
October	Mid-Term Executive Meeting. Reports of 3rd Quarter made at Auxiliary Meeting.
November	Week of Prayer. Election of Officers. Send list of Officers to District Secretary at Once.
December	Harvest Day—Pledges, Offering and Scarritt Maintenance paid in full. Executive Committee Meeting. Installation of Officers. Officers Training Day.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance—

Mrs. F. W. Raggio
Mrs. W. H. Martin
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Mrs. L. A. Sims
Mrs. W. A. McKenzie

Constitution and By-Laws—

Mrs. S. M. Collins
Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
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Status of Women—

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild
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Visiting Institutions—

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Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter

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Mrs. J. B. Pollard
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Mrs. W. C. McDonald

Personnel—

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Mrs. Gilman McConnell
Mrs. Ed Conger
Mrs. J. W. Warren
Mrs. H. B. Wren
Mrs. J. N. McDonald
Mrs. S. M. Collins

Spiritual Life and Message—

Mrs. Sudie Lingle
Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Mrs. H. A. Sheppard
Mrs. L. L. Harris
Mrs. L. A. Blevins
Mrs. David Tarver

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Superintendent.

Christian Citizenship and Law Observance—
Mrs. Roger Sharp, 1838 Robert Street, New Orleans.

International Relations and World Peace—
Mrs. C. W. Berry, Winnsboro.

Industrial Relations—
Miss Suzie Lyons, 6018 Benjamin, New Orleans.

Rural Development—
Mrs. W. E. Fine, Homer.

Interracial Cooperation—
Mrs. John Foster, 144 Ockley Drive, Shreveport.

Scarritt Promotion—
Mrs. J. V. Bennett, First Methodist Church, New Orleans.

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

"No longer must the mourners weep,
Nor call departed Christians dead;
For death is hallowed into sleep,
And ev'ry grave becomes a bed.
Now once more
Eden's door
Open stands to mortal eyes;
For Christ hath risen, and man shall rise!
Now at last,
Old things past,
Hope, and joy, and peace begin;
For Christ hath won, and man shall win!
It is not exile, rest on high:
It is not sadness, peace from strife;
To fall asleep is not to die:
To dwell with Christ is better life.
Where our banner leads us,
We may safely go:
Where our Chief precedes us,
We may face the foe.
His right arm is o'er us,
He our Guide will be:
Christ hath gone before us,
Christians, follow ye!"

—Dr. Neale.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Mrs. H. Hill
Mrs. J. L. Ward
Mrs. J. N. Williams

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Mrs. Ora H. Jackson
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Mrs. Zilliah Prevost
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Mrs. Paul M. Brown
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Mrs. J. B. Williams
Miss Effie Ford

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Mrs. Katie Davis
Mrs. Clyde Hood Warner
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Mrs. E. M. Midyette
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Mrs. Florence Hendrix
Mrs. Bell H. Wise
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Mrs. Ada Hoy
Mrs. Frank Hicks
Mrs. W. L. Foster
Mrs. Edgar Fullilove
Mrs. P. J. Gibson
Mrs. T. E. Hodges
Miss Amanda Howell
Mrs. S. J. McDowell
Mrs. S. H. Reed
Mrs. Martha Weaver
Mrs. A. C. Wilkins
Mrs. J. M. Woodward

NAMES PLACED ON THE MEMORIAL ROLL

Mrs. G. A. LaGrange, by Alexandria District.
Mrs. Jacob Cohen, by Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans.
Mrs. Eddie Bentley, by Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans.

PRAYER SPECIALS

Pray that the Methodist Advance will result in a new birth of spiritual zeal and a more rapid spread of Christian attitudes.

Pray that the urgent call for consecrated workers at home and abroad will bring young people to say "Here am I, send me."

Pray with Mrs. Perry that God may lead us ON and OUT and UP.

Pray that the **Womanhood of the Church** may be enlisted in the Society for Christian Service.

Pray for Peace on Earth, Good-will among nations and men.

WEEK OF PRAYER SPECIAL—1940

$100,000 for endowing a Clara Tucker Perry Chair of Christian Life and Thought at Scarritt College.

BUDGET FOR 1940

Council Pledge	$28,900.00
Conference Expenses	2,000.00
Total	$30,900.00

PLEDGES BY DISTRICTS FOR 1940

Alexandria	$ 3,400.00
Baton Rouge	3,600.00
Lake Charles	3,150.00
Monroe	4,150.00
New Orleans	4,500.00
Ruston	4,300.00
Shreveport	7,800.00
Total for Conference	$30,900.00

Mrs. C. C. Carver, Treasurer.

ECHOES FROM COUNCIL

"Women through the years have been motivated by something stronger than loyalty to an organization—it is loyalty to a cause."

"There will be need of faith in God, in each other and in our fellowman."—Mrs. Perry.

"In spite of difficulties and changes, we must vision the future which can be built from the present."

"Think it through and then dare. Nine tenths of wisdom is being wise in time."

"He is Lord of all or not at all."

"It takes the impossible to call up the possible."

"A saint is a person who makes it easy for other people to believe in God."

"Jesus Christ was God marching manward."—Dr. Hough.

"On our church in America lies a peculiar responsibility to advance the work of the Church Universal by sending a larger number of missionaries and by providing a more adequate support."—Miss MacKinnon.

"A fifteen or twenty per cent increase in missionary forces would yield one hundred per cent in results."—Dr. Mott.

"We must try to do the thing that twenty years from now we'll wish we had done."

"Not their way nor our way, but a better way has been found under God's leadership."

"The unity of the church comes from the thought and purpose of God and toward His divine goal for His Church, we work and pray, knowing that His purpose can not fail."—Mrs. Mills.

THE NEW ORLEANS COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE

The year 1940 will stand forth in the hearts and minds of Louisiana women as a year of great privilege and opportunity. For it brought to the city of New Orleans the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council before its merger into the United body which will be known as the Women's Division of Christian Service. This was the Thirtieth Session of the Council and was held in First Church.

Louisiana women availed themselves of this high privilege and nearly every Society in the Conference sent its representatives to be informed and inspired.

The list of special features of the Council program was a long one, and only a few can be mentioned here, but missionary women drank in the great messages of Dean Lynn Harold Hough, Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. Paul W. Quillian, Dr. M. S. Davage, Dr. Umphrey Lee, Dr. J. W. Workman, and those of many of our very own missionaries and deaconesses.

The Consecration Service will ever hold a place in our memories, for we saw three faithful, consecrated retiring missionaries and deaconesses take the emeritus relationship, and ten choice devoted Christian young women commissioned to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ unto all the world. Oh holy memory!

At the close of the Council session on Monday morning the delegated body and visiting missionaries and deaconesses were taken to Houma to visit the MacDonell School, long the pride and joy of Louisiana women. Here a delightful luncheon was tendered the guests by the Louisiana Conference Society. Words of praise and commendation for this Council institution were heard everywhere as the visitors filed through the buildings and scattered throughout the campus.

Following immediately upon the close of the Council Session, the Louisiana Conference opened its thirtieth session in Rayne Memorial Church on Monday night, March 11th.

No more appropriate setting could have been found than beautiful Rayne Memorial Church with its worshipful auditorium, handsome stained glass windows depicting the life of our Lord, its splendid organ with its soft musical chimes ringing forth during the periods of meditation and worship and with the singing of the beautiful old and new hymns of the Church.

The hospitality of New Orleans Methodism was cordial and lavish both at the Council and Conference sessions. The daily ministry of lovely flowers, sweet music and dainty and appetizing

food manifested the genuine welcome of those splendid New Orleans women.

The Conference Session might be described as "short but sweet," but during those crowded hours there was no lull in interest. Two outstanding guests added much to the Conference Sessions—Miss Mary Culler White who has given thirty-nine years to China, and Miss Thelma Stevens, Council Superintendent of Christian Social Relations. Their soul stirring messages made us realize more fully than ever the need for deeper thinking, more constant devotion to the task and more courageous living in a world that is overrun with greed, hatred, economic injustice and war. As they spoke, over and over came to us the words of Dr. Ralph Harlow's hymn:

"Oh young and fearless Prophet of Ancient Galilee;
Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity,
To make our thoughts and actions, less prone to please the crowd,
To stand with humble courage for Truth with hearts uncowed.

O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way,
Where hate and lust and falsehood hold back Christ's holy sway;
Forbid false love of country that blinds us to His call
Who lifts above the nation, the brotherhood of all." F.K.P.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Another year in the span of time has ended. But this year has been epochal. We have come to the end of a winding road and a larger Highway is in view. It is significant that Council met in our midst this year. We feel that our Conference has been but the reflection of the ideals and inspiration of it. As we enter this larger field of service, let us enter with all the wealth of thirty years of rich experience.

We feel that we should like to express in a special way our gratitude to our Conference Leaders, Conference Officers, District Secretaries, Superintendents and Council workers, who have served us faithfully and well. We know that they will always be leaders in the church even though their titles may be changed in the new church.

We want to express our thanks to all those who have made these days ones of blessing and strength:

First, to Rayne Memorial Church with its cordial hospitality which reflects the grace of its members and its pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Holmes.

Second, to our Conference Guests: Miss Mary Culler White and

Miss Thelma Stevens who have stirred us with their messages and devotion to the cause of Christ.

Third, to the choir and organist who have furnished such beautiful music for our services.

Fourth, to the ladies of the Baptist Church who served the delicious luncheon.

Fifth, to those who have labored long hours before our arrival that our stay might be profitable and pleasant:

a. Mrs. C. I. Jones, general chairman of arrangements.
b. Mrs. Bertrand Kiern, registration and homes with
c. Mrs. Una Moody, assisting
d. Mrs. Armand Karow, pages
e. To all who opened their homes to us and entertained us so graciously.
f. To the New Orleans papers for publicity.

Sixth, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Reily for the lovely flowers in the auditorium given in honor of the Louisiana Womans Missionary Conference, and in honor of Mrs. Sexton and other officers.

Finally, we want to say again that this has been a rich experience—one that will make us live better, and we are grateful for it.

MRS. G. W. POMEROY
MRS. FRED STAMANT
MRS. WALKER McDONALD.

MINUTES OF THE MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference held its Mid-year Session in the interesting little city of Rayville on October 17th and 18th, 1939.

The meeting opened promptly at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning with the President, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., presiding. Mrs. Gibson, the district secretary of the Monroe District was introduced and gave a few words of greeting and made some announcements concerning our stay in Rayville.

The Committee had as its guest Miss Susie Peach Foster, personnel secretary of the Candidate Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, who was introduced by Mrs. Sexton.

The roll was called which showed the following absentees: Mesdames H. J. Powers, H. V. Dunford, R. E. Smith, W. T. Cunningham, and Guy Kinnebrew. Mrs. W. C. McDonald, acting secretary of the Ruston District, substituted for Mrs. Kinnebrew.

In introducing Mrs. Dameron as the leader of the hour, Mrs. Sexton said "we couldn't come together in such an hour of the

World's History as this without consideration of 'World Peace'." The next hour was devoted to this subject and was most ably presented by Mrs. G. W. Dameron.

A Few High Lights From Her Talk:

"It is natural that people of the world look to the Church at this hour. What can the Church do? The Social Creed of the Church gives plainly the Church's attitude on World Peace." She spoke of the General Conference Commission on "Peace and War" which had just met in Evanston, Ill., which had said emphatically "The Methodist Church cannot endorse war, nor support it, nor participate in it."

A period of meditation on Scripture Readings concerning faith, Christian love and peace followed.

Mrs. Dameron spoke on basic Christian principles for international relations and "certain tasks of Christians at this hour." At the close of this inspiring message, on motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted that a committee be appointed by the president to later bring in a resolution concerning peace. The following committee was appointed: Mesdames J. J. Davidson, Jr., G. J. Tinsley, D. C. Metcalf, G. W. Dameron and W. H. Martin.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The luncheon hour was a festal occasion indeed which took place in the home of Mrs. J. C. Calhoun. The tables were attractively decorated with exquisite roses from the gardens of the good missionary women of Rayville. Circle No. 1 of the local society served a delicious luncheon, and a period of fellowship followed.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

The Tuesday afternoon session was in the form of an open meeting for the women of Rayville and the Monroe District. A large congregation gathered to meet their Conference officers and hear them tell of the work of their offices.

The meeting opened with the singing of OH, MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE, and the Devotional hour was led by Miss Susie Peach Foster of the Council, who is a returned Missionary from Korea. Her message was centered around the following Scripture, "Be still and know that I am God," "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise," and "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." After the singing of the hymn "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. Mrs. Sexton explained that the Open Session would take the form of a regular executive session and the reports of the officers would be heard.

Mrs. Martin in reporting stated that the main work of her office of Vice-President was stressing Life Membership. She re-

ported that up to October 1st there were 15 new adult life memberships, 1 junior, and 35 babies.

Mrs. Ledbetter, Conference Secretary, reported 235 auxiliaries in the Conference and that 7 Missionaries and Deaconesses, 6 Bible women, and 34 Houma Scholarships were supported by the Conference.

At the close of her report the district secretaries were introduced.

Mrs. Pollard, Recording Secretary, told of the distribution and expense of editing the Minutes. Total cost of Minutes for 1938 was $393.93.

Mrs. Carver, Treasurer, gave some figures for three quarters of the year. She said of the $28,000 pledged to Council by the Louisiana Conference $17,246.96 had been paid, leaving a balance of $10,753.04 to be paid the fourth quarter. She stated she felt sure the pledges would be paid in full.

Mrs. Eicher reported for the Children's work and emphasized the importance of the Units to be used in the Missionary Education of Children.

The Secretary read a report of Young Women's Work which had been sent in by Mrs. Powers, which showed 37 groups.

Mrs. Sexton told of a committee meeting which had been attended at Princeton, N. J., in the interest of work for young people and children of the New Church.

Mrs. Tinsley, Superintendent of Literature and Publicity reported that she had mailed 308 pieces of literature to the auxiliaries each month and also that the Council Minutes had been mailed to each auxiliary. She stated the goal for World Outlook subscribers for Louisiana Conference was 1696.

Mrs. Dameron reporting on Bible and Mission Study gave some comparative figures: In 1938 there were 157 Mission Study Classes and 156 Bible Study Classes; In 1939 there were 178 Mission Study Classes and 166 Bible Study Classes. Twenty Council certificates issued in 1938, and fifty-six in 1939.

Mrs. Metcalf, Superintendent of Christian Social Relations spoke briefly of each department of this program, particularly stressing peace. She stated 71% of the auxiliaries were reporting C. S. R. activities.

Mrs. C. I. Jones reported as follows for the Supply Department: Cash and value of Supplies for St. Mark's $1689.45; cash and value of Supplies for MacDonell School $1876.61. She also reported that $600.00 in cash had been raised to purchase the St. Mark's car.

Mrs. Sexton, President, in making a brief report said "the whole program should result in missionary zeal in the local churches. She spoke of attending the Uniting Conference and various Coun-

cil Committees. She closed her report by telling of the coming of the Woman's Missionary Council to New Orleans in March and urged the women to attend.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction by Dr. Doss.

At the close of the afternoon session a delightful tea was given in honor of the Conference officers and District Secretaries by the Rayville auxiliary.

Late Tuesday Afternoon Session

At the close of the tea the executive session met to continue their deliberations. Mrs. C. I. Jones spoke of the great need for supplies for MacDonell School and urged the women to increase their gifts.

Mrs. Sexton told of Mrs. Shepherd, Spiritual Life leader of the Baton Rouge auxiliary being sent to the Spiritual Life Retreat held at Scarritt College last summer to take the place of Mrs. R. E. Smith who was unable to attend.

Mrs. Sexton said Mrs. Smith had sent word concerning the New Book Shelf for the Executive Committee and asked Mrs. Jones to take charge.

Miss Susie Peach Foster spoke on the candidate work of the Council and finding the right young women for Christian service. The following suggestions concerning this work were given to missionary women:

1. Be on the alert for teachers, nurses, business women with the educational background in your Churches.

2. Refer to Council Minutes for kind of workers and qualifications.

3. Keep in touch with pastors and presiding elders—ask them to preach more sermons to impress youth with the importance of missionary work.

4. Present candidate work at zone and district meetings.

Mrs. Sexton appointed the following committee to plan Miss Foster's itinerary through Louisiana: Mesdames Thatcher, Tinsley, Fairchild and Jones.

Mrs. W. L. Haley, president of the Rayville Society, announced that dinner was ready and being served at the home of Mrs. Floy McKay for the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned, and again a delightful dinner and social hour took place in the home of Mrs. McKay, with Circle No. 2 serving as hostesses.

Tuesday Night Session

The meeting was opened with prayer, after which Mrs. Sexton called for reports of Standing Committees and a brief discussion of committee work followed.

Mrs. Jones presented the plans of the New Orleans Committee on Entertainment of the Woman's Missionary Council. She stated that the Council would open on the evening of March 6th and adjourn at noon the following Monday. She told of plans for a motor trip to MacDonell School, a drive and tea at St. Mark's, and a Luncheon for the Council Executive Committee. Mrs. Ledbetter and district secretaries were asked to form a committee to plan souveniers for all luncheons during the Council sessions.

Mrs. Jones, who is president of the Rayne Memorial Society stated that her society is extending an invitation to the Louisiana Conference to hold its 1940 session in that Church for a one day session on Tuesday, March 12th, immediately following the close of the Council sessions.

The following committees were appointed by the President: Education and Promotion—Mrs. Ledbetter and district secretaries; Conference Program— Mesdames Pollard, Martin and Sexton; Finance—Mesdames Carver, Eicher and Tinsley; Council Plans—Mesdames Jones, Metcalf and Dameron.

The meeting was adjourned to hold committee meetings.

Wednesday Morning Session

After the singing of the hymn "THE MORNING LIGHT IS BREAKING," Mrs. Sexton led a devotional period with her thoughts centered around "the mountain-top experience of the disciples with Jesus." She closed her meditation by reading Phil. 1:35. Prayer by district secretaries followed.

An interesting period was enjoyed hearing the reports of the advisory committees for Conference workers.

Mrs. Gibson reported on the work of Miss Shiela Nuttall, our rural deaconess, and stated that the committee, after advising with the district superintendent and some preachers, had voted to move Miss Nuttall to Transylvania, which is about 12 miles from Lake Providence. This is a project of the Federal Government, which is a cooperative plan for farmers and when completed about 140 families will settle there. Mrs. Gibson stated there was a great opportunity for Christian service there.

After discussion, the report of the advisory committee was accepted.

The work of another Conference worker, Miss Margaret Infinger, who is located at Hodge, was presented by Mrs. Ledbetter and Mrs. Sexton who said that the work there had been an experi-

mental one. After discussion this advisory committee recommended that Miss Infinger remain on this work for a while longer, which the executive body accepted.

Mrs. Sexton spoke of the new Conference worker, Miss Mamie Chandler at the State Normal School at Natchitoches, and stated that the advisory committee for this work would be set up under the leadership of Mrs. Dunford.

The matter of coupons for Memorial Mercy Home was carefully considered. A letter was read from the Premium Company by Mrs. Metcalf. This letter disclosed the fact that Memorial Mercy Home had received $780.00 for coupons in the last 3½ years, while a similar institution in the Baltimore Conference had received $1300.00 in about the same length of time.

After due consideration the executive committee asked Mrs. Metcalf to prepare a letter concerning this to send to each auxiliary during the fourth quarter—also to set a quota for the Conference.

Reports of committees was the next order of business.

The report of committee on Education and Promotion was read and the following recommendations were adopted:

Education and Promotion No. 1

A more general observance of Houma Day be emphasized, the Special Offering to be applied to Scholarships other than those pleged by districts.

Officers Training Day to be held in fourth quarter and may take the place of fourth zone meeting.

Each district secretary acquaint the auxiliaries with urgency of observing the Week of Prayer and Harvest Day.

The report of the Finance Committee was given and the following recommendations were discussed and adopted:

1. That Conference pay $500.00 on the expense of entertaining Council.

2. That the basis for figuring travel expense of Conference workers be three cents per mile for cars.

After discussion, it was voted that the Finance Committee prepare a new by-law concerning conference expense fund, and send to committee on by-laws in time for action at the Conference Session.

Report of committee on Council Plans was read and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That part of the money appropriated for Council Expense by the Conference be used in the following ways:

1. A luncheon or dinner for the Council Executive Committee, the time to be fitted to Council plans.

2. A luncheon at MacDonell School in Houma for the dele-

gated body, and deaconesses and missionaries, with the Executive Committee as hostesses.

3. Extra Courtesies, such as corsages, flowers for the Memorial Service, and incidentals.

4. If possible, some special recognition or gifts for the deaconesses and missionaries attending Council.

The report of the Committee on Itinerary for Miss Foster was read, discussed and adopted. This itinerary included stops at Ruston, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette, Alexandria, Natchitoches and Shreveport.

As time for luncheon had arrived, on motion of Mrs. Metcalf the meeting was adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

On the second day of the session Circle No. 3 of the Rayville Society was hostess for the executive committee at the hospitable home of Mrs. E. C. Stodyhill, where again a delicious repast was enjoyed. Lovely roses and fall flowers of every variety were again in evidence, as they had been for each lovely meal provided by the good women of Rayville. A thoroughly enjoyable social hour followed.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

After the singing of the hymn "OH ZION HASTE," prayer was led by Mrs. Pollard.

Reports of committees were resumed. The report of the committee on Conference was read, discussed and the following recommendations adopted:

1. In view of the fact that the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Southern Methodist Church will be held in New Orleans in March, we recommend that the Conference meeting in Noel Memorial Church be postponed and that the 1940 session be held in Rayne Memorial Church in a one day session on Tuesday, March 12th, opening at 9:00 A. M.

2. That representatives from other branches of Methodism be invited to visit the Conference and send delegates to the adjourned session.

3. Because of the inspiration that will be received from the Council Meeting, we recommend that this session of the Conference be confined to the business of the Conference with the exception of the Quiet Hour talk.

4. That a guest speaker be invited to conduct the Quiet Hour and meditation.

5. That a special effort be made for a home coming of Louisiana's missionary daughters and time be given on the program for a symposium of their work.

The committee on Peace Action made the following recommendations:

We, the Committee on Peace Action, recommend:

1. That a letter be sent from the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society to the President of the United States expressing our position and feeling in the International crisis and petition him to use his powers to preserve the peace of our Country.

2. We further recommend that the Executive Committee sponsor, if possible, a Peace Hour over a state-wide radio hook-up, and that the time and date of the hour be sent to the President of each Missionary Society for publication.

3. That we urge the women of the Missionary Society to keep well informed concerning our position in a time of international crisis in order that we may promote a feeling of good will toward all nations and help to expose and counteract propaganda designed to lead us into the war."

We recommend the study of the document from the World Council of Churches on the position of the Church in a World at War, which may be obtained from the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., N. Y., at 10c per copy.

4. That each auxiliary use the month of November for special emphasis on peace, through the department of Christian Social Relations.

5. That a copy of these recommendations be sent to each auxiliary.

MRS. J. J. DAVIDSON, JR.
MRS. G. J. TINSLEY
MRS. D. C. METCALF
MRS. G. W. DAMERON
MRS. W. H. MARTIN

The matter of financial help for Camp Brewer was presented by Mrs. Dameron, who stated that Camp Brewer, located in the Alexandria District, is a Conference Assembly Ground.

After careful consideration, on motion of Mrs. Ledbetter it was voted that we express our interest in the Camp Brewer project and our willingness to cooperate as far as possible without conflict with our by-laws, but that definite action as to financial assistance be postponed until our next executive meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter it was voted that a committee of cultivation and investigation for this project be appointed.

The following committee was appointed by the president: Mesdames Ledbetter, Pollard, and Dameron.

Mrs. Gilman McConnell's resignation as Chairman of Committee on Scarritt Associates was read and accepted with regret. It was

voted that the appointment of her successor be deferred until after the meeting of the Scarritt College Committee of the Council.

The time was at hand for the election of alternates for Council.

Mrs. Pollard was elected alternate for Mrs. Sexton, and Mrs. Tinsley for Mrs. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Tinsley extended an invitation from the Lafayette Auxiliary to entertain the Executive Body for their 1940 Mid-year Meeting. This was accepted with appreciation.

Rev. Reed, the Pastor host, was introduced and expressed words of greetings and pleasure at having had the executive body as their guests.

Mrs. Carver asked the privilege of thanking the executive committee for her trip to Mt. Sequoyah last summer, and Mrs. Ledbetter told of being at Mount Sequoyah for the Leadership School, and said what a splendid opportunity these schools are for missionary women.

Mrs. Jones said the new books were ready and asked each to take one with her, and for those who had not read the old one to take one and finally send them to their owners.

The 1939 Mid-year Meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Reed.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

(Held in New Orleans)

Friday Afternoon

The executive committee met in á brief session at First Church on Friday afternoon, March 8th with the president, Mrs. Sexton, presiding. The matter of increasing the Conference pledge in order to place a student worker at Southwestern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette was considered.

After careful and thoughtful discussion, on motion of Mrs. C. I. Jones it was voted to increase the Conference pledge $900.00, and to employ a deaconess as student counselor for Southwestern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS, GEORGE SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary.

Sunday Afternoon

The executive committee met at three o'clock Sunday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Sexton, presiding. The meeting opened with a period of meditation and prayer in which all participated.

The programs for the Conference meeting were distributed and discussed and Mrs. Sexton announced a few necessary changes.

The roll was called which revealed all present with the exception of Mrs. Cunningham.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Each officer was called upon and new plans for conference work were discussed, emphasizing particularly recommendations to be presented to the conference, and various scholarships to be offered.

The following actions were taken: (1) On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted that expense money be provided for the Conference Secretary of Children's Work to attend meetings of the Annual Conference Board of Education meetings when she feels that attendance is necessary to promote her work.

(2) On motion of Mrs. Tinsley, it was voted that the Conference supply $50.00 scholarship for a young woman who can meet Council requirements, to attend a six weeks training course at Scarritt College Summer School.

(3) On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted for Conference to pay the travel expense of this young woman if she can be found.

(4) After Mrs. Metcalf, Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, stated that the Council would provide a $50.00 scholarship for a young woman to have six weeks of specialized leadership training in the field of Christian Social Relations at Scarritt Summer School, on motion of Mrs. Powers, it was voted that the Conference pay the travel expense of this young woman if one can be found.

(5) On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted to accept the offer of Council to supply a minimum of $50.00 to send a group of conference women to Mount Sequoyah to attend the Missions Conference, and that the Conference supplement a necessary amount to pay the expense of two cars and $10.00 per person for board.

(6) After discussion, it was voted that $75.00 be allowed for the expense of provisional meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary.

Tuesday Afternoon

The executive committee met on Tuesday afternoon immediately upon adjournment of the Conference.

Mrs. Sexton explained how the $500.00 which had been appropriated for Council entertainment had been used but stated that a complete record of expenditures was not available at that time.

The president told of the emergency that had arisen the day before to provide means for conveying Council guests from New

Orleans to Houma and on motion of Mrs. Ledbetter it was voted to pay $110.00 for two buses which were used to take the guests to Houma.

Re-appointment of conference workers was discussed and the following actions were taken:

On motion of Mrs. Gibson, it was voted to ask for the re-appointment of Deaconess Shiela Nuttall for rural work.

On motion of Mrs. Kinnebrew, it was voted to ask for the re-appointment of Miss Margaret Infinger for work at Hodge and rural work.

On motion of Mrs. Dunford, it was voted to ask for the re-appointment of Deaconess Mamie Chandler for student work at the State Normal at Natchitoches.

After discussion, on motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted that if Mrs. Eicher cannot go to Mount Sequoyah for training, that she be allowed to choose someone to take her place who will assist her in the work.

After discussion on the best time to hold District meetings, it was decided to hold them during the spring months as has been customary.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Held at

RAYNE MEMORIAL CHURCH

New Orleans, Louisiana

March 11-12

Monday Night Session

After a few moments of exquisite organ music by Mrs. Bertrand Kiern, the president, Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., called to order the thirtieth session of the Louisiana Conference.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn "LEAD ON OH KING ETERNAL," and the Scripture was read and prayer offered by Dr. W. W. Holmes, Pastor-host.

An anthem "THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED" was sung by Rayne Memorial's vested choir. Miss Mary Culler White, Missionary to China, was the speaker of the evening. In introducing her Mrs. Sexton said that Miss White has given thirty-nine years to China and is often referred to as the "Bishop of China."

The subject of Miss White's address was "The Phoenix Rises in

China," and she was dressed in a Chinese costume of black satin embroidered in gold thread in the design of a phoenix. Miss White explained "I chose the phoenix because this mythical bird typifies China. According to legend the phoenix dies once in every five hundred years, each time lighting its own funeral pyre; but always out of the ashes there arises the new phoenix younger, stronger and more able to soar aloft than was the last.

Today China is in ashes. Homes are burned, schools destroyed; there is not a Church or mission station in China (with exception of Moore Memorial Shanghai), that has not been looted or destroyed by the Japanese. The people have been turned into a Nation of refugees—forty million homeless people—twenty-five million starving people. This is the picture of the ashes from which the phoenix will rise.

She named the following reasons why the phoenix will rise: Their unified condition, the spirit and thrift of the Chinese people, Christian leaders and new opportunities for missionaries and native Christians to witness for Christ. She said Christian people everywhere can help the phoenix to rise by prayer, financial help ($5.00 will keep a Chinese from starving for a year), stop buying Japanese goods and by opening the eyes of blind pacifists.

At the close of this soul stirring address the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. C. Gunn.

Tuesday Morning

The Tuesday morning session was opened with a period of worship led by Mrs. R. E. Smith, Conference Spiritual Life leader. Mrs. Smith told the story of the hymn, "Be Still My Soul," and something of the life of the composer, Joan Sibelius, A Finn, after which the hymn was sung.

Her message was built around the thought "Satisfying God" and some very heart searching questions were asked.

The service closed with the singing of the hymn, "Close To Thee."

The president, Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., took the chair and the organization of the Conference took place.

The minutes of the Mid-year Executive Meeting of the Conference held in Rayville in October were reviewed by Mrs. J. B. Pollard, recording secretary. (See minutes).

The report of the Registration Committee showed 131 delegates had registered.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. Walker McDonald and Mrs. A. D. St Amant;

for approving minutes, Mrs. Dewitt Henry, Mrs. A. A. Tisdale and Mrs. W. H. Royal.

In most gracious words and manner Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of Rayne Memorial Missionary Society welcomed the Conference to Rayne Memorial Church.

Mrs. W. H. Martin, vice-president, introduced Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Conference president, who first responded to the words of welcome and then gave her annual message, using for her subject, "Christian Service, a United Task." (See Minutes).

At the close of her address Mrs. Sexton announced the resignation of Mrs. R. E. Smith as Conference Spiritual Life leader and the appointment of Mrs. Guy Hicks to fill the vacancy.

The report of the vice president was given by Mrs. W. H. Martin, who said "the making of life members has become a significant part of our work," and reported 156 life members made in 1939. (See minutes for report.)

A Recognition Service of Life Members was conducted by Mrs. Martin, assisted by district secretaries. Life memberships were characterized by the seasons of the year, and as appropriate music was played paintings of the seasons were displayed by a little child, a young woman, an older woman and an elderly woman.

Mrs. Sexton told of luncheon given for the executive body of the Council which was held the day preceding the opening of the Council at which time small paintings of Louisiana and New Orleans scenes were presented to Council officers and to the young women candidates for missionary service. These paintings were the handwork of Mrs. Stockwell of Lake Charles, formerly a missionary to Africa.

A letter of appreciation was read by Mrs. Sexton from one of the young women to be consecrated who had received a painting.

The annual report of the treasurer was given by Mrs. C. C. Carver, which showed that the Louisiana Conference had over paid its pledge to Council by $547.58, (See Minutes). The report was adopted.

A request came to the president asking that an offering for China Relief be taken and turned over to Miss Mary Culler White, our Missionary guest. It was voted to do so. The amount was $150.00, which was joyfully and gratefully received by Miss White. Prayer for Chinese people was led by Mrs. R. H. Wynn.

Time had come for the "Secretaries' Hour." Mrs. Ledbetter introduced the district secretaries who in turn made their reports. Mrs. Dunford reported that Alexandria District had excelled in World Outlook subscriptions, increased its offerings $200 and over paid its pledge.

Mrs. Fairchild stated that Baton Rouge District had gone over

the top in contributions to the St. Mark's car and in Life Memberships.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., reported Lake Charles District had made a large increase in memberships and had paid its pledge in full.

Mrs. Thatcher's report of the New Orleans District showed gains in every line of work, and had over paid its pledge.

The Ruston District had advanced in Outlook subscriptions and memberships which was reported by Mrs. Kinnebrew.

Mrs. E. C. Gibson reported that the Monroe District had carried out the full program and had over paid its pledge.

Mrs. Campbell stated that the Shreveport District had excelled in life memberships and spoke on the District Retreat. (See minutes of Statistical Reports.)

This interesting hour was closed with Mrs. Ledbetter giving a resume of the year's work. (See minutes.)

The recommendations of the Committee on Education and Promotion were read by Mrs. Ledbetter, discussed and adopted. (See minutes.)

The minutes of the executive committee meeting held in New Orleans were read by Mrs. Pollard and adopted.

Mrs. Sexton explained the action of the Executive Committee in increasing the pledge, also scholarships offered by Scarritt Summer School.

The Pledge Service was conducted by Mrs. Carver, who was assisted by the district secretaries. A rainbow poster was displayed showing the pledges made by the various districts.

The matter of holding the election of officers was brought before the Conference and after discussion, on motion of Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, it was voted to accept the Council recommendation and postpone the election until the reorganizational meeting of the conference.

Reports of Council Institutions and Workers was the next order of business. Miss Mamie Chandler, our newest Council worker reported on her work as Student Counselor at the State Normal College at Natchitoches. (See minutes.)

Miss Ella Hooper told of the work at MacDonell School, that it had been a busy year because of a great building program. (see minutes.)

Seven little MacDonell School girls dressed in Evangeline costumes sang a number of songs both in French and English.

At this point in the program the other deaconesses who were to have reported, gave way so that Miss Mary Culler White of China might be heard again.

During her talk she displayed Chinese etchings, Chinese life member certificates and a Chinese hymn book. She told of the

Japanese looting her own home taking away many valuable articles. She announced that the offering for Chinese relief which had just been taken would save the lives of 25 Chinese for a year.

Mrs. Mary Freeman of Shreveport told of the happy family life of Jubilee Inn, a home for business girls. (See minutes.)

Time for courtesies had arrived, and Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of Rayne Memorial Society, introduced the chairman of the local entertainment committee and other guests.

A period of worship and meditation was conducted by Miss Thelma Stevens, Council guest.

Special music by Mrs. Moore of Rayne Memorial was enjoyed.

Miss Stevens based her message on a statement made by Tennyson which is "the old order changeth, yielding place to the new" and read some verses from the Sermon on the Mount. She named three ways in which God fulfills Himself. (1) When our Church offers a united front. (2) When we share our all in meeting the needs of the world. (3) When all men are our brothers.

A few highlights—minority groups in our midst should be our brothers. How can we make all men our brothers? By beginning with ourselves—uproot prejudice. We must recognize the dignity of every man. This period of meditation was closed with prayer by Miss Stevens.

Luncheon

The ladies of the First Baptist Church served a delicious luncheon in the spacious dining hall of their church.

At the close of the luncheon, an attractive little skit was put on in the interest of saving coupons for Memorial Mercy Home.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened promptly at two o'clock. A devotional message was brought by Mrs. Hugh H. Hoff, who centered her thoughts around "Evangelism." This period was closed with prayer by Mrs. Hoff.

The chairman of the Committee on Minutes reported that the minutes of the Monday night and Tuesday morning sessions had been examined and found correct.

Invitations for the 1941 Conference Session were called for and Mrs. E. A. Sartor, president of the Noel Memorial Society of Shreveport extended a most gracious invitation. On motion of Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted to accept the Noel Memorial invitation with thanks and appreciation.

Miss Mary Culler White announced that literature on China relief had come and asked the pages to distribute it. She gave the

following addresses where to obtain literature on China Relief and also where to send funds:

Church Committee for China Relief, 105 East 22nd Street, New York.

American Committee for Non-participation in Japanese Aggression, 8 West 40th Street, New York.

She urged the Sunday School classes and all organizations to send for this free literature.

Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, reported in this line of work. (See minutes.)

Recommendations of Conference Committee on Christian Social Relations were read, discussed and adopted. (See minutes.)

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Miss Thelma Stevens told of the Carrie Parks Johnson Endowment Fund which will be used for Short Course Training Schools for rural Negro leaders. This fund was started by Dr. Luke Johnson and may be added to by auxiliaries at their May meeting.

Mrs. H. J. Powers reported on Young Women's Groups, and stated there are thirty-four circles with approximately 600 members. (See minutes.)

Mrs. C. I. Jones gave the annual report of the Supply Department and spoke of the needs at St. Mark's and MacDonell School, and of foreign supplies which includes refrigeration in China. (See minutes.)

Recommendations for Supply Work were read, discussed and adopted. (See minutes.)

Mrs. J. M. Eicher reported on Children's Work and told of the Units to be studied in 1940. She reported that $657.79 had been received from Fourth Sunday offerings from Children's Division. (See minutes.)

Recommendations on Children's Work were read, discussed and adopted. (See minutes.)

In reporting on Bible and Mission Study, Mrs. G. W. Dameron stated that "The Life of Christ" by Umphrey Lee, and "The Radiant Heart" by Costen J. Harrell, had been the most popular Bible studies. She reported that Mission Study Training Classes had been held in each district. (See minutes.)

The report of Literature and Publicity was made by Mrs. G. J. Tinsley who told that the World Outlook cup had been won by the Shreveport District and that 53 societies had qualified for the Publicity Honor Roll. (See minutes.) During her report a poster was displayed illustrating the circulation of the World Outlook around

the world as it leaves Nashville. Thanks are due Mrs. Sudie Lingle and Miss Jane Fullilove for this poster.

Recommendations of the Committee on Education were read, discussed and adopted. (See minutes.)

Mrs. R. E. Smith, superintendent, told of progress made in the Spiritual Life Department and stated there are now 200 Spiritual Life Groups, and a large number of capable leaders. (See minutes.) Recommendations for Spiritual Life Groups were read, discussed and adopted. (See minutes.)

As Mrs. Smith was retiring, Mrs. Sexton expressed appreciation to Mrs. Smith for the Conference for the very fine contribution she had made to the spiritual development of the women of Louisiana. All rose to their feet in appreciation of her work, and Mrs. Sexton asked that Mrs. Smith lead in prayer.

Deaconess Shiela Nuttall and Deaconess Margaret Infinger made brief reports of their work. (See minutes.)

Rev. J. A. Alford was introduced and spoke a few words concerning the Golden Cross work of the Louisiana Conference.

Reports of Standing Committees were called for and filed with the Secretary. (See minutes.)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Walker McDonald and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. (See minutes.)

The Memorial Service was lead by Mrs. D. C. Metcalf who was assisted by the district secretaries and Mrs. A. M. Karow. The roll of departed friends was read by the secretaries.

Special flowers had been placed on the altar in memory of Mrs. D. B. Carre, who for many years served this Conference as Conference Secretary.

Solo—"Memorial Hymn" was sung by Mrs. Eldridge Gammel and prayer was led by Mrs. R. E. Smith.

Holy Communion was conducted by Dr. W. W. Holmes, Pastor-host, who was assisted by visiting pastors.

The thirtieth and the last Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was closed with the benediction.

MRS. GEORGE S. SEXTON, JR., President
MRS. JOHN B. POLLARD, Secretary.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Christian Service—A United Task

With this, the thirtieth meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Louisiana Conference, we round out three decades of united effort. Thirty years ago when the home and foreign work was merged in the Southern Church, Louisiana lost no time adopt-

ing the new plan. Today, facing another union, we stand ready for advance. The church cannot be a sectional, denominational, or national group. It is a World Christian Community made up of faithful followers of the Christ in every nation under the sun.

As the Methodist Church unites, Louisiana Conference steps forward with it, taking over into the Society for Christian Service the aims and purposes of its missionary work. Everything of value must be conserved in merging for, regardless of terminology and regrouping, the whole work which has been pioneered and carried forward by the different churches must be provided for. "The Methodist Advance Movement," to quote Bishop Lester Smith, "is to go ahead from where we are to the place we ought to be." In foreign fields our horizon will be immeasurably widened, our work heretofore has been in eight fields, now it will be in forty. Here in the homeland weak places will be strengthened and overlapping eliminated as far as possible. So far as I know, the Protestants have no institutions in Louisiana, but the Methodist Church operates five for negroes and pays the salary of a chaplain for the lepers at Carville. These institutions with ours will become our joint responsibility.

Plans and details of organization will reach us later in the year after the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. In the meantime we shall function through the regular channels and strive to bring each society to its highest point of efficiency and missionary enthusiasm. You may be interested to know that the New Church, with its approximately eight million members, will be organized into 102 Conferences and 700 Districts.

This year also closes the second quadrennium of service for three of the Conference officers—Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Metcalf, and your president. Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Carver, and Mrs. Powers have a few more years to their credit. It was interesting to look back over the reports and to make a mental graph of gains and losses. On the whole, we have made progress, though financially we have never recovered from the depression. In 1932 we reported 193 societies with 5,002 members; this year 235 societies with 7,879 members. The 5,002 members, however, sent to Mrs. Fulton for general missionary work $32,116.00, while our report this year shows only $28,547.00 sent to Nashville. Either we're economically poorer, or our concern for others has grown less keen.

The general work shows substantial progress—more Christian Social Relations committees, a better type of mission study, more societies observing Week of Prayer, more younger women vitally interested, and an evident deepening of the spiritual life. To all who have served so faithfully and sacrificially, both in the Conference

and in local societies, we extend sincere thanks. It would be inspiring to know the number hours of thought, prayer, and voluntary labor which make possible the reports you hear today. It is with genuine regret that I bring you the resignation of Mrs. R. E. Smith as Spiritual Life Chairman for the Conference. Mrs. Smith has given us the finest possible leadership because of what she is, and her influence will continue, though she finds it necessary to give up the office.

The past year has been a full, rich one for your president. Perhaps the high moment of my Christian experience came on May 10 in Kansas City when the vote on Methodist Union was taken. To be alive, and to be your leader in a day like this, afforded the unusual privilege of being a member of the last General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, of the Uniting Conference, and of the first General Conference of the Methodist Church. It has been interesting, also, to work on one of the Ad Interim subcommittees, shaping plans for Student, Young People's, and Children's work to be submitted to the General Conference at Atlantic City.

Within the state I have attended many meetings and have kept in touch with the whole program through reports and personal conference. The Mid-year Executive Meeting in Rayville was a time of rich fellowship and thoughtful planning for the year's activities. An outgrowth of the splendid Peace Hour which Mrs. Dameron had prepared for that meeting was a statewide broadcast on November 7. Mrs. Tinsley and Mrs. Davidson secured time on seven radio stations and a program of music with an address "The Church in a World at War" was broadcast by Conference leaders in each section.

Another constructive follow-up of the Mid-year meeting was the visit of Miss Susie Peach Foster, Personnel worker for the Candidate Committee of the Council. She visited in eight towns and cities, and talked with many young people interested in Christian Service. There are several young women who will be ready for Scarritt training in the near future. Your Conference Committee will keep in touch with them and provide scholarships as far as possible. Well trained, consecrated workers are sorely needed in foreign fields, while here at home challenging opportunities are constantly before us. Since the negroes constitute such a large part of Louisiana's population, we must be cognizant of their needs and possibilities and should develop, in cooperation with their leaders, a program of far reaching benefits.

Our three Council Workers are placed at strategic points—Miss Infinger strengthening the Church program at Hodge, and reaching out to several rural points; Miss Nuttall at Transylvania, with the government rehabilitation project; and Miss Chandler working with students at the Normal in Natchitoches. The Council

Institutions continue to serve in needy areas, St. Mark's Community Center in the foreign section of New Orleans, MacDonell French Mission School at Houma, providing care as well as an education for 110 children, and Jubilee Inn at Shreveport furnishing a Christian home for about twenty-eight young business women. The outstanding event of the year, so far as these institutions are concerned, is the building program at Houma. The Week of Prayer Building, a new dining hall and kitchen, with dormitory above, has been completed and will be known as Downs' Hall, in honor of Mrs. J. W. Downs and her many years of service for the French folk of Louisiana. The laundry also is ready for occupancy and bears testimony to the loving efforts of Mrs. Woodard and Mrs. Jones and the sacrificial spirit of the women of Louisiana. So far the buildings are unfurnished. Do you think the Supply Department might do something about this in the next few months?

What a joyful privilege it was to be hostess to the Woman's Missionary Council! The New Orleans women tried to make it an experience to be treasured through the years and the Conference expresses sincere appreciation to all who contributed to its success. Flowers for the Memorial Service on Wednesday were furnished by the Conference in loving memory of Mrs. D. Beach Carre whose consecrated life and deep interest in missions inspired so many Louisiana women. Our pledge to Council was increased nine hundred dollars to provide the salary for a Student Counselor at Southwestern Institute, Lafayette. We feel the time is propitious for work with college students.

In spite of a note of sadness that this was the last Council and that the close fellowship of this group of southern women was coming to an end, there was also a song of victory and confidence. Let us take up that song. The new day dawns; we face the East. "Keep steady, forge ahead, radiate cheer and hope. **God** is your Father."

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since few specific duties are assigned the Vice-President, she must find avenues of service. Last year was a full and happy year for me; happy because more calls came to me to assist at district, zone and auxiliary meetings. It was my privilege to attend four District Conferences and to assist at three Officer's Training Day Institutes.

The vision that is coming to us as church women is a challenge to every one of us. This is no time for us to sit idly by and expect the Lord's work to be done, somehow, but we must be on our "tiptoes" to grasp every opportunity to make of ourselves a better informed group; eager to be used by the Master to help bring about

His kingdom. We must each feel a personal responsibility for the propagation of the principles of Christianity. Much depends on the women in this plastic age when every force for righteousness must realize the urgency of the situation. We must carry the enthusiasm we have gained during these days at Council back to our local churches and our missionary groups, if we would fulfill our mission as Christian leaders. Dr. John R. Mott told us that we would have to give as we have never given before, that we would have to expand as we have never expanded before, if we would save the world for Christ.

Since our new name for the woman's work will not contain the word "Missionary," some may think that our interest in missions is less but that is far from true. For many years the women of the Southern church have concentrated their efforts in eight fields, but now we will broaden our interests and loyalties to include forty fields. I earnestly hope and pray that with this expansion our missionary zeal will grow in proportion.

The making of life memberships has become a significent method for cultivating interest in the work and for securing needed funds for it. During 1939, $2125.00 was added to our conference treasury from this source, 156 life memberships were given—66 adults, 5 juniors and 85 babies. Baton Rouge and Shreveport District tied for honors. Don't let the opportunity pass for bestowing honor where honor is due; may we continue to make all new babies life members and all charter members life members.

We are proud of our heritage as missionary women, but Dr. Mott says that the years that lie ahead will far transcend all that have gone before. We are looking forward to a larger opportunity for service through the organized effort of the united church, and with a keen responsibility for making the best of this service.

MRS. W. H. MARTIN

DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Report of Conference Secretary

"HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES." John 15:8.

A resume of the year's work emphasizes once again the co-operative effort of this loyal Missionary Group, who by definite prayer, loving service and consecrated offerings, claim discipleship with Him.

What a call comes to Methodist women in the opportunities open to them in the United Church. The volume of voluntary serv-

ice which has been such a priceless asset in the missionary cause and which has proved itself to be a "main spring of beneficence and sacrifice" must be encouraged and expanded.

In **Methodist United for Action,** Dr. Mott says: "It would be a calamity if this great uniting movement in which a main object is to augment forces, should result in a lessening of the participation, sense of responsibility, leadership and devotion of the women."

The accumulated years of service, self and sacrifice, the habits of prayer and giving, the educational methods of missionary cultivation must not be lost in the process of transfer.

To each missions to children is a task which the united Board of Missions deliberately assumed would be committed to the women and they must be made to see the size and importance of the work.

Until such time as instructions come from General Conference for organizational changes, we shall continue our present "set up," keeping all departments up to the greatest efficiency, emphasizing in its use the value of program material and literature, channeling all funds as heretofore and stimulating enthusiasm for Baby Specials and Life Memberships.

Ours is the task of joining in a more effective method of cultivation for getting the world mission of Christianity into the very heart of the local churches—a largeness of spirit, a largeness of giving, a largeness of sympathy; these are forces which it may well be our privilege to release, forces which may be comparable to the asset of "Bigness of Numbers."

The Missionary Conference and Leadership Schools have been a recognized factor in meeting a real need in the life of our Methodist people. The departments of Education and Promotion of the General Board and the Woman's Section have made provision for their continuation this year at Mount Sequoyah, July 12-23 and Lake Junaluska July 30-Aug 10.

There will be five courses in the area of missions, sufficiently varied to challenge the interest of all groups, and a Bible study, especially suited to missionary women. Conferences of one and a half hours will be held concerning every phase of the New Woman's Society of Christian service.

COUNCIL INSTITUTIONS: The three Council Institutions within the bounds of our Conference have each maintained a definite program of expansion, notwithstanding the inadequacy of funds and staff to meet the ever increasing and varying demands. We welcome the opportunity to pay an affectionate tribute of esteem to the Head Residents and their capable corps of workers, as well as to the three deaconesses, whose labors in our Conference have been invaluable in advancing the interests of the Woman's Missionary Society in Louisiana.

We are grateful to note an increase in Houma Scholarship support over 1938, but only to the extent of $337.00, a bare provision for two scholarships. With an ever growing demand for admittance to the school, even beyond present enlarged capacity, we need to impress our women with the urgency of financial aid, for only as we help with the education of these boys and girls at McDonell School, can we hope to project its ministry into the generations of the future.

SCARRITT MAINTENANCE increased by $10.80 in 1939 while Week of Prayer offering was $360.77 less and Life Memberships $163.00. Despite some other decreases, we reached a "high water mark" in our giving for 1939, over paying our pledge to Council by $547.58.

Recognizing with gratitude and appreciation the fine cooperation and loyal support of District Secretaries, Zone Leaders and Auxiliary Women who have made these achievements possible, like Paul we would say to each of them, "For of this I am confident, that He who has begun a good work within you will go on to perfect it in preparation for the Day of Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER,

Conference Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT FROM CONFERENCE FOR 1939

DISTRICTS	Number of Auxiliaries	Number of new Auxiliaries	Total members in auxiliaries including young women and new members.	Number of new members	Number of Young Women's Circles	Number of young women in circles	Number of societies promoting Baby Specials	Number of subscribers to World Outlook	Number of active Spiritual Life Groups	Number of new Mission Study Classes	Number of members in Mission Study Classes	Number of new Bible Study Classes	Number of members in Bible Study Classes	Number of auxiliaries having Christian Social Relations Committees	Number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	Number of auxiliaries achieving Efficiency Aim	Number of Life Members or names added to Memorial Roll	Number of Home or Foreign Specials	Value of Boxes of Supplies	Amount spent for Local Work
Alexandria	30		839	100	5	59	9	200	11	28	585	30	766	20	26	3	23	7	$ 256.19	$1603.46
Baton Rouge	33	2	1028	168	3	49	5	251	21	28	555	33	358	21	23		28	4	555.05	2369.08
Lake Charles	31	4	1117	289	8	129	6	209	14	29	416	20	427	16	21	3	16	6	362.54	3488.27
Monroe	32		1181	110	5	105	11	185	16	38	750	23	548	19	28		17	5	653.63	5256.92
New Orleans	29	2	1111	152	4	60	5	261	14	23	519	21	393	22	24	5	16	9	1073.43	2937.63
Ruston	40	6	1088	164	4	60	9	183	12	39	442	18	419	16	31	2	17	3	522.15	3234.84
Shreveport	40	2	1515	195	5	95	17	378	18	42	949	26	885	24	31	7	39	14	560.64	3561.00

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1939

DISTRICTS	Freewill Offering	Scarritt Maintenance	Foreign Scholarships	Houma Scholarships	District and Zone Offerings	Week of Prayer	Birthday Offering	Bible Women	Houma Day	Life Memberships	Children's Department	Total—All Sources
Alexandria	$ 1956.88	$ 102.25	$ 40.00	$ 777.56	$ 48.64	$ 150.78	$ 6.02	$ 120.00	$ 28.78	$ 305.00	$ 24.56	$ 3560.47
Baton Rouge	2121.79	113.24		615.94	75.78	216.08	12.32		20.00	480.00		3655.15
Lake Charles	1754.70	69.50		798.43	51.38	165.72	12.32			225.00	27.01	3103.97
Monroe	3126.00	99.00	80.00	234.00	67.16	284.56	13.32			255.00	9.47	4168.51
New Orleans	2741.65	90.00	175.00	905.15	47.47	403.28	7.91	220.00	36.00	140.00	14.43	4780.89
Ruston	3364.76	91.00		300.00	32.97	262.89	7.00		7.78	257.00	38.62	4362.02
Shreveport	5243.33	129.00		1011.72	55.88	362.70	6.75	360.00	18.67	480.00	62.75	7730.62
Grand Totals	$20309.11	$ 693.99	$ 295.00	$4642.80	$ 379.28	$1846.01	$ 62.45	$ 700.00	$111.23	$2142.00	$176.66	$31361.63

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FROM THE 1939 REPORTS OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Our District meeting was held in Alexandria in May with four conference officers and Miss Barnwell as speakers. Our spiritual life retreat was also held in Alexandria in February. Our Study Leaders' meeting with the Conference Study team as speakers was held at Camp Brewer. We had our Officers' Training in the Zone meetings.

With an increase of World Outlook subscribers and added interest in study classes and in our Christian Social Relations department and more generous giving, we can truthfully, but humbly, report advancement in Alexandria District. We believe this advancement means our women are saying "God needs us in our place with our gifts to carry HIS blessings."

MRS. H. V. DUNFORD.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

District Meeting was held at Denham Springs in May with the largest attendance ever. The Annual Retreat at Bluff Creek in July. Study Leaders' Meeting at First Church, Baton Rouge, in September with G. W. Dameron, Mrs. R. E. Smith, and Mrs. J. H. Thatcher as guest speakers. Officers Institute at First Church, Baton Rouge in December.

This has been accomplished through the help of our Saviour, and the hearty cooperation of all the women in the District to whom I am most grateful.

MRS. S. J. FAIRCHILD.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Our District Meeting was held at the Camp Grounds in Lake Arthur in May. The morning was devoted to a Retreat, under the leadership of Mrs. L. L. Harris, our District Spiritual Life Leader. During the afternoon, goals for the new year were adopted. As a result, the District shows an increase in membership, in the number of Spiritual Life Groups, Mission and Bible Study Classes, Young Women's Groups, Houma Scholarships and World Outlook subscriptions. Four auxiliaries, Sulphur, De Ridder, Lake Charles and Leesville achieved the Efficiency Aim.

Officers Institutes were held in Crowley, Lucky Grove and Sulphur in December, and Study Leaders' Meeting in Sulphur in September.

May this year of increasing opportunities and responsibilities bring about greater accomplishments in our missionary program.

MRS. J. J. DAVIDSON, JR.

MONROE DISTRICT

Monroe District has had its District Meeting, Study Leaders' Day of Work, Officers' Institute, Zone Leaders Planning Groups for Zone Programs during the past year, and Quarterly Zone Meetings. All these were well attended and enthusiastic meetings.

Miss Shiela Nuttall, Rural Deaconess, assigned to the new government development in Transylvania reports progress.

Too much credit cannot be given the Zone Leaders, Mrs. Gilford Wright, Mrs. W. McG. Dollerhide, and Mrs. A. J. Ensminger and the Spiritual Life and Message Superintendent, Mrs. C. K. Smith, for their efforts put forth during the past year in the advancement of the Kingdom.

The following Auxiliaries report that they have achieved the Efficiency Aim:

Sterlington, Gordon Avenue, Monroe First, St. Joseph, Columbia.

A fine spirit prevails as we endeavor to promote all phases of Missionary work.

MRS. E. C. GIBSON.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Progress has been made in attaining goals and objects and strides forward achieved along most of the way. The New Orleans District led in over paying its pledge and every Society reported every quarter. District Meeting, Study Leaders Meeting and Zone Meetings were well worth while. Officers' Institutes and Miniature Coaching Programs for the Spring Mission Study was put on in each Zone. Over 200 more women engaged in Mission Study in 1939 than 1938. 175 more women engaged in Bible Study. All but four Societies observed Week of Prayer. Advancement was made in Home Specials, Life Members, Efficiency Aim, C. S. R. and Supplies.

We are encouraged to continue seeking the realization of some of the yet unattained objectives. I wish to pay tribute to the Zone Leaders and the consecrated, patient, loving women who are gladly giving themselves in untiring service for the King.

MRS. J. H. THATCHER.

RUSTON DISTRICT

We are very happy over our New Name in Ruston District "Division of Christian Service," because the characteristics of our women are love, loyalty and untiring service. The past year has been one of joy and work and we are now busily engaged in committee meetings looking forward to jurisdictional plans.

We realize during this transition period we must stay very close to one another in prayer and purpose.

The year 1939 shows increase in some very important and necessary departments of our work. Spiritual Life groups, Christian Social Relations Committees, World Outlook, subscriptions, New Members and Study Groups.

We over paid our pledge and one of our Zone groups sent an additional $25.00 to Miss Ava Martin in China to be used as she chose in her work.

We appreciate the services of Mrs. W. C. McDonald and Miss Margaret Infinger, our new deaconess at Hodge and all others who assisted in making our work interesting, helpful and spiritual.

We are ready to go forward, a part of the great Methodist Advance where the cross of Christ is gleaming.

MRS. GUY KINNEBREW.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The past year has meant much in the lives of many women of the Shreveport District. Much stress has been placed upon the Spiritual Life Groups. Besides the cultivation gained through the twenty-five Spiritual Life Groups the women of the District were offered the wonderful opportunity of a Spiritual Life Retreat for one day and night. The work of the Mission and Bible Study Classes has been no exception of the high standard set in the past years. The forty-five Life Memberships conferred by members of the District have proven a great joy to those honored and benefit to the work so close to our hearts.

The fifteen hundred and fifteen women of the forty Auxiliaries of the Shreveport District stand at the threshold of a new year with new plans being offered and a great work to be carried on. They say as did Dr. Stanley Jones, "Without Him not one step over the threshold, with Him, anywhere."

MRS. RUTH CAMPBELL.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK

In view of the strategic times in which we find ourselves, the necessity for straight thinking, keen insight, the conservation of values and the need of increased funds for extension and enlargement of work, the Committee recommends to the Woman's Missionary Societies the following:

1. Plans for Advance:

1. Unceasing cultivation by every officer for larger vision, more definite cooperation with the total program of the church, and great faithfulness and loyalty on the part of the members.
2. Definite planning for an increase in organizations and members.

3. Securing an increase in regular maintenance funds through intensive cultivation of pledges, life memberships, etc.
4. Giving Young Women larger places of responsibility in all activities of the Missionary Society, and using them on Auxiliary, Zone, District and Conference programs in preparation for trained leadership in the new church.
5. Making wise use of the new leaflet, "Why I Am A Member of the Missionary Society," both in securing new members and in the cultivation of the younger women.
6. Accepting greater responsibility for the cultivation of parents of children under six, furnishing them with missionary literature and with gift boxes for offerings to be made in the name of the children.

2. We Further Recommend:

1. That the Conference supply a fifty dollar ($50.00) scholarship to a young woman who can qualify for a six-week training course at Scarritt Summer School.
2. That we select a woman who will meet the requirements of the Committee on Education and Promotion for one of the six scholarships offered by that department for a six-week training course in Missions at Scarritt College June 11-July 17.
3. That we accept the offer of Council to supply a minimum of fifty dollars ($50.00) to a group of potential leaders for the summer schools of Missions and Conferences at Mt. Sequoyah July 12-23 and that the Conference supplement a necessary amount to pay the expense of two cars and ten dollars ($10.00) per person for board.
4. That Institutes as planned by Miss Stevens on Christian Social Relations, be held at Zone meetings sometime during the year.

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER, Chairman
MRS. IRA CAMPBELL, Secretary.

INCREASING EFFICIENCY

The Woman's Missionary Council has adopted a program of work called the "Efficiency Aim" by which a Woman's Missionary Society may judge of its efficiency in carrying out the purpose of the organization. The corresponding secretary of each society should report to the district secretary the progress made each quarter in attaining the twelve items. Then, at the close of the year, she should send the "Efficiency Aim" card checked with her yearly report to the district secretary.

EFFICIENCY AIM

Each Society Should Strive to Attain Every Item.

1. Twelve monthly meetings with well planned yearbook programs. (January a pledge meeting.)
2. Net increase in membership. (Enlistment of Young Women included.)
3. An increase per capita in connectional funds.
4. Week of Prayer observed as planned by Council.
5. A Bible study class as planned by Council.
6. Two mission study classes.
7. Net increase in **World Outlook** subscriptions.
8. Promotion of Co-operative Plan for missionary education of children by Secretary of Children's Work.
9. Cultivation of parents and friends of babies by Superintendent of Baby Specials.
10. Christian Social Relations Committee and activities.
11. Gifts sent to Council institutions or to missionaries for use in their work or to ministers recommended by presiding elders, and all such gifts reported to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.
12. Quarterly Executive Committee meeting and all reports sent conference officers and district secretary by first day of quarter.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SUPPLIES

Supplies to Home Mission Institutions

Names of Institutions		Value of Gifts
St. Mark's Community Center	$2060.31	
MacDonell French Mission School	2806.20	
Total		$4866.51

Supplies to Foreign Mission Institutions

Stevenson Memorial, and other hospitals in China	$ 15.00	
Hospitalization in Africa	5.00	
Refrigeration for Cuba	10.00	
Total		$ 30.00

Supplies to Ministers Recommended by Presiding Elders

New Orleans District	$ 118.20	$ 118.20
Total		$5014.71
Value of Supplies to Jubilee Inn		160.50
GRAND TOTAL		$5174.21

Recommendations Concerning Supplies

1. That our goal for the year 1940 be: Each Auxiliary having a direct personal share in the missionary work of the state, by contributing supplies to St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, and to the MacDonell French Mission School and Wesley House in Houma, and that all the auxiliaries be privileged to send supplies to Scarritt.

2. That auxiliaries within reasonable distance of Jubilee Inn, a cooperative home for business girls in Shreveport contribute food supplies to that institution.

3. That cash donations be sent for St. Mark's and MacDonell School whenever possible.

4. That we continue as Supply Specials, the project for furnishing refrigeration in China, all money for which shall be sent through the Conference Superintendent of Supplies to the Council Treasurer.

5. That Conference Superintendent of Supplies send letters of instructions quarterly to the Auxiliaries giving needs of these institutions.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUPPLIES 1940

Houma

Alexandria—2nd, 4th quarters.
Baton Rouge—1st, 3rd, 4th.
Lake Charles—1st, 3rd.
Monroe—1st, 2nd.
New Orleans—2nd, 4th.
Ruston—1st, 3rd, 4th.
Shreveport—1st, 2nd, 4th.

St. Mark's

Alexandria—1st, 3rd.
Baton Rouge—2nd.
Lake Charles—2nd, 4th.
Monroe—3rd, 4th.
New Orleans—1st, 3rd.
Ruston—2nd.
Shreveport—3rd.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

REPORT OF TREASURER WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1939

Balance on hand, January 1, 1939		$ 770.52
Receipts—		
Free Will Offering, Adults		20331.11
Free Will Offering, Babies		176.66
Life Members, Adults		1625.00
Life Members, Juniors		50.00
Life Members, Babies		420.00
Memorial Roll		25.00
Scarritt Maintenance		693.99
Foreign Scholarships		265.00
Houma Scholarships		4642.80
Bible Women		700.00
Kindergarten Work		25.00
Week of Prayer		1846.01
Houma Day Offering		111.23
60th Birthday Collection		3.10
Zone Collections		379.28
Special for China from Franklin		5.00
Collections at Annual and District Meetings		125.89
Refunds by Officers		86.78
For Supplies		15.00
World Day of Prayer		13.03
Life Member Pins		2.00
Exchange		.50
5% on Balance in Commercial Bank		.50
Cancelled Check No. 1472 (Returned)		3.00
Disbursements—		
Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton	$28547.58	
Conference Officers Expense	1041.57	
District Secretaries Expense	372.83	
Guests at Annual Conference	97.30	
Printing Louisiana News	159.38	
Shiela Nutall, License and Extra Car Exp.	102.93	
Margaret Infinger, Car Expense	90.00	
Cox-Garrison Insurance Agency— Insurance on Ford Car	53.65	
Cox-Garrison Insurance Agency— Bond for Treasurer	25.00	
Auditor's Fee	25.00	
Postage on Council Minutes	8.58	

Expense of One to Scarritt and Four to Mt. Sequoyah	84.46	
Journal Printing, Minutes, Programs, etc.	458.47	
Pastors School	25.00	
Refunds, Supplies, etc.	7.50	
Federal Council of Churches	13.03	
Life Member Pins	2.00	
Bank Charges for Year	9.74	
	$31124.02	$32316.40
		31124.02
Balance on hand, January 1, 1940		$ 1192.38
Building & Loan Matured Savings		201.77
		$ 990.61

Building and Loan Stock

Stock Certificate No. 463	$245.00	
Savings Account No. 0500	28.16	
		$273.16

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. C. CARVER
Conference Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

Lafayette, La.
February 20, 1940

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.,
President Woman's Missionary Society,
Louisiana Conference,
Shreveport, La.
Dear Mrs. Sexton:

Complying with your request of February 19, 1940, I have made a **detailed audit of the books** and records of your Conference Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Carver, of Rayne, La., for the period from January 15, 1939 to January 15, 1940. I find all receipts and disbursements properly accounted for and the books and records in excellent condition.

I also find that your Treasurer is properly bonded in the sum of $10,000.00, by the Fidelity and Deposit Co., for one year. The premium on the bond is paid by your Conference.

Your Society also holds Certificate No. 463 for $245.00 and a saving account No. 0500 for $28.16 on February 15, 1940, in the Rayne Building and Loan Association.

Should there be any additional information you may desire, please communicate with me.

Assuring you that it has been a pleasure to serve your good Society, I am

Very truly yours,

R. H. AGATE, Public Accountant.
Registered with the State Board of Certified Public Accountants under No. 127.

COST OF DIRECTED PLEDGES

These Are All Minimum Amounts

Scholarships

Students in boarding schools in China, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, per year	$ 40.00
Some in Cuba	50.00
Bible schools in Korea	50.00
Bible schools in Japan	120.00
Medical school in China	150.00
French Mission School, Houma, Louisiana	150.00
Virginia K. Johnston Home, Dallas, Texas, for Rescue Work, a girl's outfit for entrance	60.00
(Any amount will be welcomed on maintenance)	
Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia, for dependent girls	200.00
Scarritt College, any course	300.00

Bible Women

In China, Japan, Korea, Brazil	$120.00 up
Other trained native workers	$120.00 to $750.00

Missionaries and Deaconesses

Foreign Missionaries	$900.00 to $1,000.00
Deaconesses and Home Missionaries	$900.00 up

SPECIALS SUPPORTED UNDER DIRECTED PLEDGE

BIBLE WOMEN

			Supported by
1—Nannie Battle	1899	City Work School, Soochow, China	First Church, Shreveport.
2—Dorothy Wilmot	1901	Changsu, China	Rayne Memorial Auxiliary.
3—Priscilla Bentley	1908	Alice Cobb Bible School, Wonsan, Korea	Carrolton Ave. Aux., New Orleans.
4—Hattie Haas	1912	Chul Won, Korea	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Alexandria.
5—Hester Thompson Smith	1925	Choon Chun Station, Korea	Noel Mem. Aux., Shreveport.
6—Sallie Sexton	1928	Native Teacher, Japan	Gleaners, First Church, Shreveport.

SCHOLARSHIPS—FOREIGN

1—Lee Dicks	1899	Holston Institute, Songdo, Korea	Monroe Auxiliary.
2—Belle O'Pry	1905	Roberts College, Saltillo, Mexico	Rayne Memorial Aux., New Orleans.
3—Anna Trosper	1913	Lucy Cunninggim School, Korea	Monroe Auxiliary.
4—Mary Keener	1919	Roberts College, Saltillo, Mexico	First Church Auxiliary, New Orleans.

DEACONESSES AND MISSIONARIES

1—Missionary Anna B. Williams	1916	35 Nakayamate Dori, Kobe, Japan	First Church Auxiliary, Shreveport.
2—Deaconess Ella Hooper	1919	McDonnell Wesley House, Houma, La.	First Ch. Aux. S'port & La. Conf.
3—Missionary Clara Chalmers	1921	Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas, Cuba	Louisiana Conference.
4—Deaconess Shelia Nuttall	1927	Monroe District	Louisiana Conference.
5—Missionary Ava Morton	1931	China	Louisiana Conference.
6—Deaconess Mary Freeman	1928	Jubilee Inn., Shreveport	Sup. by Board City Missions, S'port.
7—Deaconess Mamie J. Chandler		Louisiana Normal, Natchitoches	Louisiana Conference.
8—Deaconess Margaret Infinger		Hodge	Louisiana Conference.
9—Missionary Patricia McHugh		Korea	Louisiana Conference

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ROLL, 1939

Any adult may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of $25.00, an honorary life member by the payment of $100.00, an honorary life patron by the payment of $300.00. A child up to six years of age may be made a life member for $5.00, an older child on the payment of $10.00.

An adult's name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the payment of $25.00 for this specific purpose—children the same as for life membership.

A life membership provides a most effective channel for contributing to the great missionary enterprise, and might be the means of teaching the Christ way to some who have never had a chance. At the same time it is a beautiful and impressive way to express love and appreciation—it bestows in a significant manner honor upon one whom honor is due; it gives encouragement and an urge to carry on; it can bring spiritual blessings.

All money for life memberships or the memorial fund should be sent direct to the conference treasurer with the name, and she will order the pin and the certificate. Report the name and by whom given to your conference vice-president.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. Geo. Benson, by Tullos Auxiliary; Mrs. J. A. Bousquet, by Rev. and Mrs. Rousseux, Colfax; Mrs. W. B. Letson, by Rochelle Auxiliary; Mrs. H. E. Mays, Tullos, by Zone 5; Mrs. G. A. Morgan, by Winnfield Auxiliary; Mrs. W. H. Parker, Jr., Bunkie, by Zone 4; Mrs. T. M. Saymen, by Alexandria Gleaners.

Juniors

Martha Sue Mays, Tullos, by the District; Nell Denham, Ferriday, by Zone 5; Beulah Cantrelle, Houma, by Alexandria District.

Babies

Betty Lou Bently, Bunkie, by Women's Bible Class; Margaret Evelyn Childs, by Opelousas Auxiliary; Luther Paul Blevins, Glenmora, by Auxiliary; Kay Francis Blevins, Glenmora, by Auxiliary; Ida Elizabeth Crawford, Winnfield, by Zone 5; Camelia Louise Dethloff, Natchitoches, by Auxiliary; James Boote Harris, Alexandria, by Zone 3; Thomas Edwin Harwell, by Mrs. Geo. Benson, Tullos; Lovic Howard Johnson III, Natchitoches, by Auxiliary; Hudie Pauline McNeal, Center Point, Zone 4; Myrtle Lee Nichols, Natchitoches, by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson; Robert Luckett Thompson,

Colfax, by Zone 2; Gary Thompson, Colfax, by Zone 2; Johnnie Zerangue, Melville, by Auxiliary; Mary Louise Cornwell, Olla, by Zone 5.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. J. H. Bowden, Baton Rouge, by Zone 1; Mrs. C. I. Crooks, Baton Rouge, by Zone 4; Mrs. Van Calhoun, Baton Rouge, First Church Auxiliary; Miss Frances Dunbar, Baton Rouge, by Ruth McConnell Circle, First Church; Mrs. E. K. East, by Irene Nixon Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. J. M. Eicher, by Children of the District; Mrs. H. W. Gibbs, by May Sue Brown Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Ida Graves, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Auxiliary; Mrs. B. L. Kinchen, by Zone 3; Mrs. J. P. McCullough, by Patricia McHugh and Julia Reed Circles, First Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. J. H. McKneely, by Irene Mixon Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. T. M. Mixon, by Leona Buck Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Edna Norgress, by Ruth Field Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Miss Jennie Richley, by Jackson Auxiliary; Mrs. N. B. Riddle, by St. Francisville Auxiliary; Mrs. Maggie Rowan, by First Church Auxiliary, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Emmett Webb, by Irene Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge.

Babies

Kathrine Gertrude Carsley, by Istrouma Auxiliary; Louise Gibson Flanakin, by Amite Auxiliary; William Jewell Goodall, by Irene Nixon Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; David Lon French, by First Church, Baton Rouge, Auxiliary; Donal May French; Natalbany Auxiliary; Oscar Carruth McGehee, by Loraine Buck Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Ronnie Merrill, by Ruth Field Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Eugene Franklin Robins, by Irene Mixon Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Llewellyn Spillman, by New Hope Auxiliary; Nelda Carolyn Sisson, by Lucille Lewis Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge; Billie Sue Swanson, by Mary Sue Brown Circle, First Church, Baton Rouge.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. Claudia Carnahan, by Sulphur Auxiliary; Mrs. A. M. Mutersbough, by First Church, Lake Charles, Auxiliary; Mrs. Martha Moss Nereaux, by New Iberia; Mrs. Annie Reid, by First Church Auxiliary, Lake Charles; Mrs. G. J. Tinsley, by Lafayette Auxiliary; Mrs. S. W. Smollen, by First Church Auxiliary, Lake Charles; Mrs. W. W. Williams, by Elizabeth Auxiliary.

Babies

Thomas Milton Bergstedt, by Sulphur Auxiliary; Donald Morgan Hoffpauir, by Rayne Auxiliary; Ed Milton Fraser, by Mary McNeely Circle, Many Auxiliary; Ethelyn Ann Lewis, by Sulphur Auxiliary; Charles D. S. Johnson, by First Church, Lake Charles; Jerry Gosselt Smith, by First Church, Lake Charles; Mary Ava Smith, by Merryville Auxiliary; Mary Joe Wharton, by First Church, Lake Charles, Auxiliary; Charles Emery Williams, by Many Auxiliary.

MONROE DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. Elsie May Brown, by Lake Providence Auxiliary; Mrs. B. O. Cummings, by Columbia Auxiliary; Mrs. E. C. Gibson, by the District; Mr. W. B. Clark, by First Church, Monroe; Mrs. Alex S. Hill, by her Family and Auxiliary; Mrs. J. J. Jones, by First Church, Monroe, Auxiliary; Mrs. Dewitt H. Henry, First Church, Monroe, Auxiliary; Mrs. D. O. Sherman, Columbia, by Dr. Sherman.

Juniors

Sara Roberts, by First Church, Monroe, Auxiliary; Mary Carolyn Swain, by First Church, Monroe, Auxiliary.

Babies

Carolyn Jean Boyce, by First Church, Monroe, Auxiliary; Carolyn Babb, by Lake Providence Auxiliary; Gladys Fortenberry, by Lake Providence Auxiliary; Thomas Joseph Hampton, by Monroe Auxiliary; John Dennis McClendon, by Lake Providence Auxiliary; Emilou Stewart, by Lake Providence Auxiliary; Jane Wilson, by Lake Providence Auxiliary.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. W. L. Duren, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Mrs. C. I. Jones, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Mrs. J. D. Rumph, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans.

Babies

Clara Belle Bergeron, by Houma Auxiliary; Diane Grace Buckley, by Second Church, New Orleans, Auxiliary; Jocelyn Marlene Edgecomb, by Second Church, New Orleans, Auxiliary; William W. Holmes III, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans, Auxiliary; Melvin Litton Kyle, Jr., by Houma Heights Church Auxiliary; Virginia Hendricks, by Houma Auxiliary; Audrey Mae La Croix, by Bogalusa Auxiliary; Ada Virginia Lee, by Bogalusa Auxiliary; Eustache Matherne, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Kathleen Moore, by

Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; G. F. Poole III, Bogalusa, by Mrs. G. F. Poole; David Daniel Searles, by Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; Virginia Lou Shives, by First Church, New Orleans.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. J. E. Bryan, by Calhoun Auxiliary; Mrs. Stewart Deas, by Arcadia Auxiliary; Mrs. Geo. Fry, by Cotton Valley Auxiliary; Mrs. J. A. Gaar, by her Sons and Ruth Brown Circle, Jonesboro, Auxiliary; Mrs. W. F. Goss, by Mr. Goss and Farmerville Auxiliary; Mrs. Jno. Pugh, Cotton Valley, by Family and Friends; Mrs. S. A. Tatum, Homer, by her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kinnebrew; Mrs. W. E. Woodard, by Arcadia Auxiliary.

Babies

Ruth Ann Abat, Farmerville, by Mr. and Mrs. Dykes; Joseph Chris Bergen, by Haynesville Auxiliary; Kathleen Cline, by Ruston Auxiliary; Raymond Gwinn, by Homer Auxiliary; William Shelby McKenzie, by Haynesville Auxiliary; Sidney S. Moreland, Jr., by Homer Auxiliary; James Webster Stewart, by Arcadia Auxiliary; Billie Jean Wilson, by Minden Auxiliary; John Wilson, by Cotton Valley Auxiliary.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Adults

Mrs. E. H. Betts, by Gleaners, First Church, Shreveport; Miss Mattie Brown, by Belcher Auxiliary; Mrs. Mary Doles, by Mangum Memorial, Shreveport; Mrs. L. M. Fowler, by First Church, Shreveport; Mrs. G. A. Holmes, by Mangum Memorial Auxiliary, Shreveport; Mrs. P. A. Lawrence, by Mooringsport Auxiliary; Mrs. C. P. Munday, by Noel Memorial Auxiliary, Shreveport; Mrs. O. P. Ogilvie, by Coushatta Auxiliary; Mrs. G. C. Thomas, by Wynn Memorial Auxiliary; Mrs. H. V. Thompson, by Park Avenue Auxiliary, Mrs. Louise Thompson, by Park Avenue Auxiliary; Mrs. Emma Thweatt, by Greenwood Auxiliary; Mrs. Annie Van Landingham, by Benton Auxiliary; Mrs. Maud Woodward, by Mansfield Auxiliary; Mrs. W. B. Powers, by Wynn Memorial Auxiliary.

Babies

Mary Catherine Ambrust, by Mae Brice Circle, Mangum Memorial; Ruby Cathrine Bloxom, by Cedar Grove Auxiliary; Edwin Alonzo Carlisle, by East Point Auxiliary; Donald Lloyd Clanton, by First Church Auxiliary; Manon Joyce Clack, by First Church Auxiliary; Patsy Antonette Ellett, by Mooringsport Auxiliary; Dorothy

Dean Haywood, by Park Avenue Auxiliary; Noble Holiday, Jr., Zwolle, by Grandmother; Robert J. Jones, by Logansport Auxiliary; Addie Laura Huckaby, by Sexton Chapel Auxiliary; Patricia Kay Kavanaugh, by Hosston Auxiliary; Carol Jean King, by Hosston and Ida Auxiliaries; Sylvia Lou Lively, by Cedar Grove Auxiliary; Barbara Jean Marcam, by Gilliam Auxiliary; Martha Ann Miller, by Park Avenue Auxiliary; Nancy Lee LeNoir, by her Mother, Mrs. T. V. LeNoir; Randle Thomas Moore III, by First Church, Shreveport Auxiliary; Mary Helen Pope, by Cedar Grove; Nancy Jane Oliver, by Cedar Grove; Austin Guy Robertson, by Mae Brice Circle, Mangum Memorial, Shreveport; Jerry Lou Roberts, by Cedar Grove Auxiliary.

REPORT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLES

In presenting the report of the Young Women's work for 1939 I wish to "give credit where credit is due". I want to thank each secretary of Young Women's groups who have beeen so faithful in promoting the Young Women's work in their society. I want to express a most sincere appreciation for the splendid co-operation of young women with their secretary. Such co-operation can't help but bring results. Therefore, we have had a good year. There are many things to be thankful for. We have gained in numbers and the interest continues to increase. Still we are not contented with the past, we want to press forward until every young woman in our church is a member of the society.

I am now mailing literature to 34 circles, with approximately 600 members. Several circles integrated during the past year and many of the young women are now holding places of responsibility in their society.

From reports received there has been an increase in Mission and Bible Study. Very few groups report more than one subscription to the World Outlook. We would like to see a greater number taking this valuable magazine. Many of our young women have been greatly benefited by taking part and attending the Spiritual Life Meetings. The young women have helped to carry on the full program of the society, and I want to commend them for their splendid work.

I want to thank you women for the opportunity of serving you as your Secretary of Young Women. The fine co-operation of our women has given me much joy. It has given me new inspiration and has been a blessing to me. I count it a privilege to serve with you for our Master.

MRS. H. J. POWERS,
Sec. of Young Women's Circles.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK

It is with mingled feelings of humility and gratitude that I bring you my fourth annual report as Secretary of Children's Work; humility, because I recognize that even in the midst of progress there is much that has not been done; and gratitude for the inspiration and privilege of serving.

The Co-operative Plan for the Missionary Education of the Children provides two special missionary units to be taught each year—one in the spring, the other in the fall.

For our spring unit—taught May 1939—we were requested to use the special missionary lessons found in our regular Church School Literature.

It is a joy to report a marked increase in the interest in our children's work, as was shown in each report. We had more churches reporting on the spring unit than any previous special study.

In December the unit was "Christmas Around the World". Coming at this time with conditions so distressing in other countries it offered an unusual opportunity to teachers in helping their boys and girls catch a vision of the breadth and depth of the Christmas message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Man".

The statistical report of the work accomplished in the Children's Division during the year 1939 shows definite progress.

There has been improvement in organization and an increase in the number auxiliaries reporting. The interest is increasing and many of our societies are carrying on an uninterrupted program in a most satisfactory manner.

Number of Churches Reporting the Friendship Units During the Year 1939, by Districts is as Follows:

	Spring Unit		Christmas Unit	
	Primary	Juniors	Primary	Juniors
Alexandria	15	15	13	13
Baton Rouge	15	15	15	15
Lake Charles	8	8	8	9
Monroe	7	8	5	6
New Orleans	12	12	11	10
Ruston	15	15	15	14
Shreveport	16	15	13	13
Total	88	88	80	80
No. Children attending	1438	1553	1693	1788
No. Churches having extra sessions	17	24	30	20

Council Treasurer reports Louisiana Children's Division paid in 1939 for Fourth Sunday Missionary Offering, $657.79.

MRS. J. M. EICHER, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

We, the committee, recommend:

1. That the Secretary of Children's work continue to promote the cooperative plan throughout the church school year 1940-41, in accordance with plans outlined in the leaflet, **The Cooperative Plan for Missionary Education of Children,** under the guidance and direction of the Conference Secretary of Children's Work.

2. (a) That, if possible, a regular teacher or worker of the primary or junior department of the church school be elected as Secretary of Children's Work in the auxiliary.

(b) That she be elected with the view of retaining office longer than one year because of the importance of promoting the cooperative plan and guiding children's work during this ad interim period.

3. That the Secretary of Children's Work attend district and zone meetings, training schools, and all meetings of children's workers in the local church.

4. That the Pastor be requested to appoint the Secretary of Children's Work, as one of the members at large of the Church Board of Education, in order that she may keep the Board informed concerning Missionary Units and that provision may be made for their study.

5. That the Secretary of Children's Work be urged to use the current report blanks provided for their use.

6. That in view of the loss in the Fourth Sunday Offering during the past year, the Secretary of Children's Work and members of the society be asked to reemphasize the importance of these offerings and to secure the cooperation of the Board of Christian Education in chaneling them in the proper way.

MRS. J. M. EICHER, Chairman,
MRS. IRA L. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

INFORMATION ON CHILDREN'S WORK

Local Needs

Report Blanks.
World Friendship Bulletin for Secretary of Children's Work.

Mrs. J. M. Eicher
345 Cornell Ave.,
Baton Rouge, La.

Leaflets

Cooperative Plan for Missionary Education in Children's Division Revised.
What is My Job?
Missionary Units in the Children's Division.

Mrs. J. M. Eicher
345 Cornell Ave.,
Baton Rouge, La.

Subscription to

Elementary Teacher — Single $1.00 year; five or more, one address, each $0.90 year; to be furnished by local church.
Missionary Units, Primary, Junior, $0.25 each.
Order in September for Fall Unit.
Picture Sheet for Unit, $0.15 each.
Group Graded Lessons, Primary, Junior.
Subscriptions to Boys and Girls.

Methodist Publishing House
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Vacation Church Schools

Order from list sent out by General Board of Education. Prices vary.

Source Materials

Our Church at Work with Children.
Around the World Source Book.

Literature Headquarters
Children's Division,
W. M. S.
706 Church St.,
Nashville, Tenn.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICITY

As plans for our reorganization are going forward so efficiently under the direction of our great leaders, those of us who are not privileged to participate in the Conference look forward to the messages sent to us through our fine publications and I am happy to

report that the auxiliaries are carrying on their programs as outlined and find the material most helpful. I am proud to do my little bit by distributing the literature to the women of the Louisiana Conference and in promoting the World Outlook of which we are all so proud—it having been selected to be the periodical of the United Methodism—the general organ of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

When I review my records for the past year, I feel discouraged that I cannot make a more complete report, but I am sure that many of the auxiliaries not reporting are carrying on in a fine way as I do not fail to hear from them if for some reason they fail to get their literature.

Of the 238 auxiliaries in our Conference, 53 qualified for the Publicity Honor Roll by sending World Outlook and Publicity Reports each quarter **ON TIME**. This seems few compared to the number of auxiliaries and yet in 1938 only 27 of 219 or 13% qualified and this year we had 22%, a 9% increase, so we are taking this important part of our task more seriously.

I was disappointed that our Conference goal for World Outlook subscriptions was not reached but perhaps we were over zealous when we set the goal. In 1938 our goal was 1581 and we went over the top with 1604 subscriptions. The District Secretaries and I felt that this should be an even better year with Methodists eager to keep posted on unification and so we boosted our goal for 1939 to 1696, an increase of 115 over the 1938 goal. We ended the year with 1677 subscriptions, an increase of 96—but 19 short of our goal for the year. For this year we are being more conservative but just as eager to have every family a reader of this fine magazine and so our goal for 1940 has been set as follows:

Alexandria District	215
Baton Rouge District	225
Lake Charles District	210
Monroe District	220
New Orleans District	205
Ruston District	235
Shreveport District	425
Total	1735

Let us begin now to do our part in making this the best year for World Outlook. Five of the seven districts reached their goals set for them in 1939. The Shreveport District led with a 10% increase in the number of subscriptions for 1939 as compared to 1938 and instead of presenting the Loving Cup to a single auxiliary this

year, it was decided to present it to the auxiliaries of the Shreveport District who worked together to attain this fine record.

Mrs. Hyams, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Pollard have kept us posted through the "Louisiana News" and through the Woman's Page of the Christian Advocate. Reports show that these together with the Missionary Bulletin are widely used throughout the churches and we thank them for their fine contribution to our program.

Some confusion was noted at first over the fact that the program material for this year was contained in a single booklet and that only one was allowed each auxiliary. Announcements that other copies could be ordered from Literature Headquarters were made in the Bulletin and I hope that every auxiliary has been supplied with sufficient copies to carry on their programs as usual.

My prayer is that we may spend some time each day reading and studying as our church grows, we too may grow, both intellectually and spiritually, that we may be able to do our part in the great new church and that bigger and better things may be accomplished in His name.

MRS. G. J. TINSLEY.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSION AND BIBLE STUDY

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." These words which St. Paul wrote to Timothy have been used as a text for the activities of this department of work for 1939—in many respects a year of much improvement and advance.

The two Mission Study topics: "India" and "Christ and the World Community Abroad," were generally agreed to be the most interesting, inspirational, and challenging we have had in recent years. More classes than ever before translated the learnings of these studies into Missionary activities in the local communities, working in conjunction with the department of Christian Social Relations.

While the number of Bible study classes increased over that of the previous year, membership in these classes decreased slightly. This seems to be the one place in which we have not held our own or have not gone forward. May I suggest that these other things we should have done, but not have left this one thing undone? There were many excellent Bible classes held, and I am not unmindful of them, nor do I fail to appreciate the fine work that went into them. The two most popular Bible studies in 1939, were: "The Life of Christ", by Umphrey Lee, and "The Radiant Heart", by Costen Harrell.

Your Superintendent has spent a most happy year in this work. Numerous letters have been written and talks made concerning the department of Mission and Bible Study. Suggestive helps for spring and fall studies were sent to each auxiliary. In addition, seven Study Leaders' Meetings were held in September—one in each District. A team composed of Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, representing the bureau of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Representing Spiritual Life and Message, and the Superintendent of Study toured the conference conducting these meetings. Others who assisted in single districts were Mrs. Guy Hicks, of Ruston, Mrs. W. E. Fine, of Homer, Mrs. John Foster, of Shreveport, and the District Secretaries. To each of these persons I give my grateful thanks. In these district study leader's meetings, some 465 women received instruction.

As an outgrowth of the training I was privileged to have at Scarritt College in 1938, I was invited to teach the fall topic, "Christ and the World Community" in the Memphis Conference Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers. It was indeed a joy and a privilege to have the fellowship and inspiration of association with the fine Missionary women of that conference. Attendance at the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah further prepared me for the fall activities in the study program.

I cannot close this report without congratulating you on the splendid increase in Special Council Recognition classes which you achieved this past year. In the year previous, there were 70 applications for Special Council Recognition. This year there were 100—an increase of 30—which gives some indication of the enlarged interest in real study.

My statistical report is as follows:

Total number Mission Study Classes reported	276
Total number of members enrolled	5174
Total number Mission Study Classes applying for Special Council Recognition	100
Total number Bible Study Classes reported	183
Total number of members enrolled	3942
Total number Reading Circles reported	66
Total number Misisonary Libraries reported	111

May we face this year of transition and change with confidence, knowing that a great united Methodism will advance, in the name of the Master, on the lives of consecrated, well-informed Christian people.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. DAMERON.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Committee on Education submits the following recommendations:

1. That we make greater effort to challenge our women with the necessity for study and the need for informed auxiliary membership if we are to assume our rightful share in the advance of God's Kingdom and in our greater, United Methodism.

2. That only topics and texts recommended by Council for the current year be used for Mission and Bible study.

3. That we strive to make our Bible study a real study with the quality of teaching and class work equal to that done in our Mission study classes.

4. That, in keeping with the Council recommendation we urge the use of our newest Bible Study, "Jesus and Social Redemption", by John W. Shockford.

5. That every auxiliary send the study leader, if possible, to the Pastors' school conference for Christian Workers at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 10-12.

6. That one or more study leaders meetings be held in each district in September. When the Zone Meeting is used for this purpose, the full day should be given to it.

7. That study leaders use their influence to secure more Mission and Stewardship courses in training schools for Christian Workers.

8. That we make a greater effort to establish both a library and bookshelf in the auxiliaries, collecting texts and helps of all kinds to aid in Missionary Education, and an auxiliary Reading Circle, through which we shall encourage the reading of Missionary and devotional books.

9. That, inasmuch as Mission courses and other opportunities for Missionary education are provided in the Young People's district camps and in the Conference assemblies auxiliaries cooperate in sending young people to these training groups, and that they further cooperate with the Youth Division in the Local church by supplying personnel and materials, where possible for the Mission studies of that division.

10. That auxiliaries be urged to provide the local young people's division of the church school with a subscription to "The World Outlook" to help in their Missionary programs.

11. That the Woman's Missionary Societies cooperate definitely with pastors and missionary committees in all plans for missionary education in the church, especially in the church-wide mis-

sion study classes, schools of missions, and in the fourth Sunday programs of the Church School.

12. That each auxiliary send in reports for publicity, and literature, and for The World Outlook, and that no auxiliary which fails to send both reports for each quarter will be considered for the Publicity Honor Roll.

13. That every issue of the Louisiana News and Bulletin be presented to auxiliary, and that articles for the Louisiana News be sent to Mrs. V. G. Hyams or to Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Natchitoches, La., not later than the 10th of the month.

14. That the Superintendent of Literature and Publicity acquaint herself with the entire program of the Woman's Missionary Society that she may more adequately disseminate missionary news in the auxiliary and church and that she may give more adequate publicity to the activities of the society.

15. That each auxiliary make a study of all the literature provided for its use and help, and that a systematic effort be made to place The World Outlook in every home represented by the membership of the auxiliaries and make plans for the promotion of the new magazine "The Methodist Woman."

16. That where possible, the Auxiliary provide each officer with a handbook, and where not possible, that at least the president of the auxiliary be provided with a handbook which may be obtained from Literature Headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee.

(Signed)

MRS. G. J. TINSLEY
MRS. G. W. DAMERON.

SPECIAL COUNCIL CLASSES

The following requirements must be met by Mission Study Classes receiving special recognition from the Woman's Missionary Council:

I. Textbook.

The textbook used in Special Council classes must be selected from the list recommended for that purpose by the Woman's Missionary Council for the current year (1939-40).

II. Class Sessions.

The class shall meet for six sessions of one hour each of four sessions of one and one-half hours each. These sessions may be held within one week or any time within six consecutive weeks, provided no two sessions are held on the same day.

III. Attendance.

An average attendance of 75 per cent of the members of the class must attend all class sessions.

IV. Assignments, Preparation.

Students must read an approved text and make outside preparation and must participate in class work. In addition to this, assignments shall be given each member by the teacher. These assignments may be reading from supplementary materials, research, co-operative activities, etc., that require outside preparation.

V. Teacher.

The teacher shall be qualified for the work by consecration to the task, by sufficient educational background, and by a willingness to use every opportunity for becoming a trained and experienced teacher, such as Special Study and Preparation, Attending Study Leaders' Meetings, Pastors' Schools, etc.

VI. Method.

The discussion method is recommended as most successful in stimulating group study and participation. The lecture method alone is not acceptable. A variety of methods may be desirable.

VII. Report and Recognition Card.

A report of the class must be made to the Conference Superintendent of Study on this blank furnished by her. She shall examine it, and if requirements are met, she shall send it to the Council officer in charge of Study, who will issue a recognition card for work meeting the required standard. All cards will be sent the Conference Superintendent at the close of the year.

All applications must reach the Conference Superintendent by December 31, if they are to be included in the report to Council.

BOOKS FOR STUDY

Mission Study Topics 1940-41

"The Church Serving Shifting Populations."

"The Christian Mission in China Today."

"Methodists United for Action" by John R. Mott.

Approved topics for 1939-40 studies:

Bible Study:

All the approved studies for 1939-40.

"Jesus and Social Redemption," by John W. Shockford.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Department of Christian Social Relations has made progress during the past year. More and more the women of our auxiliaries are realizing the importance of the program. Through study and by cooperating with other organized agencies, some splendid work has been done.

The reports of the local superintendents show better organization; many have a well set-up committee, meeting regularly for study and planning.

The Inter-racial work has been given a great deal of attention. We were able to co-operate again this year in the Leadership School in Tyler, Texas; a number of our auxiliaries made it possible for a delegate to attend this school.

The outstanding achievement of the year was the Statewide Radio Program on Peace, sponsored by the Executive Committee. We hope to make this a yearly event.

The chairmen of our fine divisions have promoted the work in their respective districts and zones.

It is not possible to enumerate the many and varied activities of each auxiliary but I would not be fair if I did not say that we are advancing thanks to each and every member of our great society.

The following have sent in Quarterly Reports and are to receive Council recognition:

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT —Alexandria First Church and Gleaners, Bunkie, Palmetto, Natchitoches, Winnfield, Glenmora, Pineville, Colfax, Opelousas.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT —Baton Rouge First Church, Ponchatoula, New Hope, Baker, Istrouma, Mangum Chapel, Blackwater, Franklinton, Live Oak.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Lake Charles, Lafayette, Merryville, Crowley, Elizabeth, DeRidder, Sulphur, Rayne, Gueydan, Leesville, Anacoco, Lake Arthur.

MONROE DISTRICT —Wisner, Sterlington, Monroe First Church, Gordon Avenue, Delhi, Lake Providence, Wesley, Claiborne, Waterproof, Columbia, Bastrop, Crowville, Winnsboro, West Monroe, Buckner, Oak Ridge.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT —Rayne Memorial, Parker Memorial, St. Marks, Bogalusa, Houma, Franklin, Algiers, New Orleans 1st Church, New Orleans 2nd Church, Slidell, Gentilly, Epworth.

RUSTON DISTRICT —Arcadia, Jonesboro, Minden, Cotton Valley, Homer, Clay, Haughton, Hilly, Haynesville, Ruston, Simsboro, Dodson, Athens, McIntyre, Farmerville, Sibley.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT —Shreveport First Church and Gleaners, Coushatta, Cedar Grove, Vivian, Mangum Memorial, Gilliam, Benton, East Point, Sexton Chapel, Greenwood, Pelican, Plain Dealing, Wynn Memorial, Noel Memorial, Logansport, Park Avenue Shreveport, Hossston, Hall Summitt, Mooringsport.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

1. That Auxiliary Superintendent of Christian Social Relations be urged to attend Pastors' School and Conference for Christian workers at Shreveport.

2. That a study of the C. S. R. recommendations as found in the minutes be made at the Zone Institute to be held in Zone Meetings during the year.

3. That a key woman be selected in each Zone to promote the program of Christian Social Relations.

4. That special attentions be given by the local auxiliaries to council Recommendation No. 3 under Christian Citizenship and Law Observance applying it to the needs of the local community.

5. That this conference again go on record in support of the Child Labor Amendment for the State of Louisiana.

MRS. D. C. METCALF
MRS. ROGER SHARPE

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Whereas the Bureau of Christian Social Relations feels the need of continued training for Conference leaders in this field, we hereby recommend that the Bureau seek to secure from among the Conferences ten choice women, educationally qualified, for six weeks of specialized leadership training in the field of Christian Social Relations at Scarritt College during the summer of 1940, the Bureau to provide a fifty dollar scholarship for each of them, the money to be drawn from the regular appropriations for the Bureau and its committees for 1940.

We further recommend that the Superintendent of the Bureau seek the cooperation of the women leaders in Christian Social Relations of the former Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches in planning for and participating in this leadership Training Seminar.

3. Recognizing the value of the fundamental principles contained in the new book, "Jesus and Social Redemption" by Dr. J. W. Shockford, which undergird the program of Christian Social Relations, we recommend its use as a Bible study by the auxiliaries and the promotion of its circulation throughout the church.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AND LAW OBSERVANCE

We recommend:

1. That Christian Citizenship Committees in Conferences and in Auxiliaries familiarize themselves with their respective State laws covering: Traffic in Narcotics; Liquor Control; and Gambling and Lotteries.

2. That a study be made of the Johnson Radio Advertising Bill (Senate Bill 517) seeking to prohibit the advertising of intoxicating beverages, including beer and wine, over the radio, and that we support its passage.

3. That a study be made of juvenile needs in each community with a view toward preventing delinquency by: Enforcing school attendance laws; enforcing child labor laws; providing improved recreational facilities; and observing and improving laws and systems for dealing with juvenile offenders.

4. a. That we continue to study living conditions and treatment of prisoners in the jails and penitentiaries of our communities and help to create a public conscience that will tend toward their improvement.

b. That we cooperate with other interested groups and agencies in giving assistance to the reclamation and rehabilitation of released and paroled prisoners.

5. That we continue our study of the migrant situation that ways may be found whereby the health, housing and sanitation of these groups may be improved, and that the recreational and religious needs of these people be met through the personal attention of the auxiliary women.

6. Believing that citizenship training must needs begin in childhood if we are to expect a law abiding citizenship, we recommend that we acquaint ourselves with the legislative measures requiring that Citizenship be taught the public school children and earnestly endeavor to assist in having these measures made effective.

INTERRACIAL CO-OPERATION

We recommend:

1. That Conferences, districts, zones, and auxiliaries cooperate in the leadership training program of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and other churches serving Negroes within our area, especially by assisting women delegates to attend training schools, and by providing, when requested, instructors accredited by the General Board of Religious Education of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. That conferences, districts, and zones make a study of the health needs and hospital facilities for Negroes of their area, seeking methods of more effectively meeting those needs through private and governmental agencies.

3. That auxiliaries, districts and Conference societies promote the observance of Race Relations Sunday in all departments of the local church, giving special attention to the establishment of cooperation and fellowship with Methodist schools and churches within our Conferences and communities.

4. That as Christians and citizens of a democracy we continue our study of the unequal educational opportunities available to Negroes, and that we cooperate with other representative groups, both white and colored, to secure more adequate public provisions for Negroes in elementary, secondary, and higher education.

RURAL COMMUNITY

We recommend:

1. That the auxiliaries put their emphasis this year on the study of the new guide (No. 3) in the series of rural community studies, bearing on "youth".

2. That a demonstration study of guide No. 3 on Youth be made at one of the zone meetings during the year.

3. That rural missionary societies seek in every way possible to relate the church to the community needs and that they make a study of all community and governmental organizations and seek

to find helpful ways to cooperate with them.

4. That rural missionary societies avail themselves of the free publications of Federal and State Departments of Public Health, Welfare, Education and Agriculture that bear particularly on community life by having their names placed on the mailing lists of these departments.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE

We recommend:

1. That auxiliary women make a careful study of the annual report of the standing committee on International Relations and World Peace found in the 1940 Council Minutes, using the same as a basis for discussion and activity.

2. That auxiliary women keep informed as to the important bills before Congress relative to international relations, and register their convictions with their Congressmen.

3. That auxiliary women support those policies of our government which seem most in harmony with the principles of Jesus Christ; and which will enable the United States to play her full part in the task of establishing and maintaining a permanent peace throughout the world.

4. That auxiliary women give diligent study that they may understand the factors necessary for the building of a permanent and just world peace, when the present world conflicts shall end.

5. That Christian Social Relations Committees seek to have appointed in each local congregation a Peace Committee whose duty it shall be to carry on a continuous program of peace education, making every possible use of sermons, worship services, drama, posters, etc., in keeping peace objectives before the various age groups in the local church.

6. That auxiliary women encourage and support the organization of Community Marathon Round Table groups for study, discussion and action.

7. That auxiliary women use the Peace Study Packets recommended by the committee.

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

We recommend:

1. That the church women study the problem of migatory workers, and support legislation that affects their well being.

2. That the recent social security legislation be studied by church women in an effort to determine its scope and benefits, noting especially its lack of reference to domestic service and agriculture workers, and seeking to cooperate more intelligently with local welfare agencies.

3. That a survey of the needs for better housing in local communities be made and report of same be given to the Federal Housing Authority or an authorized local agent.

4. That a study be made in local communities of employment of minority groups in an effort to eliminate discrimination because of race or religion.

5. That the economic practices of the local church be studied and evalued in an effort to determine the Christian or unChristian principles involved in its policies.

6. That the report of the recent White House Conferences as outlined in the packet "Children in Democracy be studied.

7. That the Public Affairs Study Packet be continued for 1940.

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance and Committee on Interracial Cooperation

We recommend:

1. That a continued effort be made to eradicate the evils of lynching through a program of education dealing with the causes and effects of lynchings in our local communities. We call especial attention to.

a. The need as citizens of the nation for making an impartial study of any proposed federal legislation regarding anti-lynching, and we call especial attention to the anti-lynching bill known as H. R. Bill 801. That we evalue this bill as a means toward eradicating lynching, and that we register our convictions regarding the merits of the proposed bill.

b. That we seek through our state legislative bodies, to have the powers and functions of the state radio police control enlarged, whereby they may be more effective in maintaining law and order and giving greater security to life and property.

Committee on Christian Citizenship and Law Observance and Committee on International Relations and World Peace

We recommend:

1. That a study be made of the Wagner-Rogers bill, a joint resolution (S. J. Res. 64), authorizing the admission into the United States of a limited number of refugee children, and that we support its passage. That in the local communities where the refugees may be distributed, that the auxiliary women inform themselves through reading and personal contacts as to the problems of these people and provide a program of Christian service that will be for the mutual benefit and enrichment of all.

MRS. PAUL ARRINGTON, Chairman
MRS. CHARLES C. WEAVER, Secretary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE

"You are not devoted to earthly things, but to spiritual things, if the spirit of God is really dwelling in you."

—(Weymouth) Rom. 8:9.

We need "spirit filled" lives! "To profess Christianity is not enough," has been said over and over, but the Spiritual Life movement is again placing a spot light on those works, and endeavoring to reach every woman in the Conference with a challenge to "have done with lesser things" and to "set affections upon things above."

"Couldst thou in vision see
Thyself, the man God meant,
Thou never more couldst be
The man thou art—content."

The Conference leaders and the Key Women, and the faithful workers all over the state, make the report for 1939 a gratifying one, and fills the heart of your Conference leader with deep gratitude.

In the beginning we expected three things: the progress to be slow; leaders would have to be developed, and that there would be a demand for printed programs, etc. Today we have some 200 Spiritual Life Groups, a large number of capable leaders, and now very few requests for formal programs, the women showing a marked growth in originality and adaptation to local conditions.

We trust a foundation has been laid, upon which we can continue to build a deeper understanding of God and His will for us. It is of supreme importance, standing in the center of our work, and touching every phase of it.

Certain attitudes have been observed:

A new understanding of the word "Christian".

A real sense of inadequacy in ourselves.

A growing sense of oneness—of union.

A growing unselfishness.

A new interest in books, devotional literature.

A new realization of prayer as a means of grace and power.

A genuine desire to share the rich things in our experiences.

More interest shown in current trends and in the great movements of our Church.

A growing appreciation of "listening to God."

An intelligent desire to make religion in the home more vital and attractive.

We have been told of some 30 retreats, and there may have been more.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."Isa. 30:15.

The women have actually worked on the recommendations made at our last Conference, and much interest shown in them. This is encouraging and worthy of note.

Efforts have been made by the larger auxiliaries to adopt a rural auxiliary and visit and counsel with them regularly regarding their Spiritual Life Group. More groups are trying "An afternoon with books," having on display magazines, leaflets, books, clippings, scrap books of religious material. Some effort is made to bring to the Adult division of the Church School messages from the Spiritual Life group, movement started to have class instruction by pastor for parents before baby's baptism. Efforts are made to adapt the discussion at the Spiritual Life meetings to the expressed needs of the group. Efforts made to discuss local church problems and to pray for guidance in meeting them in a Christ-like attitude.

Some of the sentiments expressed in many letters, ring through my mind like a refrain. I pass them on to you:

"It's the heart of our work."

"We must have something to give—to share."

"We must prove that God is available."

"How can we give to others, that which we have not ourselves?"

Someone has said, "It's not outside pressure, but inside braces, we need." "Instead of being moulded to this world, have your mind renewed, and so be transformed in nature—able to make out what the will of God is. (Moffatt) Rom. 12:2.

That is my prayer for this next year. God's glessings upon us every one.

Yours, working, we trust in the Master's spirit and for His glory,

MRS. R. E. SMITH,
451 Kings Highway, Shreveport, La.

Recommendations of Committee on Spiritual Life

We, your Committee on Spiritual Life and Message, submit the following:

1. That Spiritual Life leaders be encouraged to go to Junaluska and Sequoyah.
2. That we continue to emphasize the value of Retreats.
3. That May 15th be observed as a day of prayer, the program to be prepared at headquarters.

4. That we continue to emphasize the value of reading and studying devotional literature and where possible a Book Room be established.

5. That our objective is still one or more Spiritual life groups in every auxiliary.

6. That the Spiritual Life leaders be appointed at the time of election of officers, taking their places in the Consecration Service and Officers Training Day.

That the auxiliary Spiritual Life leader see that mimeographed copies of these recommendations be placed in the hands of the group to be studied and worked for.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. E. SMITH
MRS. SUDIE LINGLE
MRS. L. A. BLEVINS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

The status of women in the world today—social, political, and religious—is one of definite progress. The changes produced by woman's place in all walks of life are bringing the man's world and the woman's world closer together.

Much of our women's vitality is being used in organization outside the church. These, for the most part, are worthy organizations, but we wish for an enlarged service within the church. We covet a larger place for women in the policy making bodies of our church. In this field our own president, Mrs. Sexton, is a delegate to the General Conference and is a member of the Youth Crusade Committee. Miss Frances Smith of the Louisiana State University Wesley Foundation has been chosen as a delegate to our First Jurisdictional Conference, representing the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement.

The committee feels that it is vital to the missionary interests and the program of the whole church that women recognize its organization as a part of the total church program; and that the entire church membership be well informed as to the total church program. To this end, we feel that an interesting amount of study should be done within our women's groups.

MRS. S. J. FAIRCHILD, Chairman
MRS. W. D. STORMS

REPORT OF LOUISIANA SCARRITT ASSOCIATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FIRST QUARTER, 1940

Name of District	Associates Secured	Cash Contributed
Alexandria	4	$ 4.00
Baton Rouge	4	4.00
Lake Charles	9	9.00
Monroe	3	3.00
New Orleans	20	21.00
Ruston	1	1.00
Shreveport	21	21.00
	62	63.00
Associates at large (Those not Reporting thru Director)	68	80.00
Total	130	$143.00

MRS. GILMAN McCONNELL,
Director Scarritt Associates in Louisiana.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITING INSTITUTIONS

The Louisiana Conference is directly interested in the following institutions:

MacDonnell French Mission School, Houma, La.; St. Marks Community Center, New Orleans; Jubilee Inn, Shreveport; and your committee feels that you may be justly proud of the work being done in these places.

We never fail to find encouraging signs of progress, and the loyalty and enthusiasm of the workers is always an inspiration. We pray God's blessing upon them all.

Our ladies have been very generous and we are both appreciative and thankful, but we solicit your support in a larger way if possible, that our work may continue to step forward.

In recommending that as many women of the Conference as possible avail themselves of the privilege of visiting these institutions, we feel that they cannot help but be filled with a desire to do greater things in the name of the Master.

MRS. D. M. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

The Candidate Committee has been active during the year, seeking out and trying to interest young people in definite Christian service. It was a joy to have the Counsel Personnel Secretary, Miss

Susie Peach Foster, come to Louisiana in October and visit in eight towns and cities. Requests for information literature have come to the Committee from various places in the state and several young women are preparing themselves for Scarritt training.

In line with the Council Committee, we register the following convictions:

1. That youth must be instructed regarding the needs for Christian service.

2. That youth must be challenged and given continued cultivation, even into post college years.

3. That since ignorance of the existence of the need for missionaries has been recognized in both young people and adults, it becomes the deep responsibility of the women of the missionary societies to become acquainted with and give publicity to the needs listed by the Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments.

The needs this year are as follows:

Personnel needs in the Home Department: Two nurses for institutional work. A number of young men trained to work with boys. Six or eight mature women for Head Residents in institutions and for Directors of community work. Twenty-five women for rural work and salaries for them.

Personnel Needs in the Foreign Department

Brazil: Bennett College—two teachers for department of homemaking, one teacher of sociology, one teacher of social work. Five English teachers. Two social workers.

Japan: Two English teachers for Hiroshima School. Two English teachers for Palmere Woman's English Institute. Three social workers—rural and urban. One music teacher for Lambuth Training School. One teacher of kindergarten training. One kindergarten supervisor. Two evangelistic workers for Japanese in Korea.

Cuba: Three social workers. One music teacher. Two teachers.

Korea: Three social workers—rural and urban. One teacher of kindergarten training.

China: Three nurses. One teacher of kindergarten training. Three social-evangelistic workers.

Africa: Two teachers. Two nurses.

The Committee recommends that the Conference provide a $50.00 summer scholarship to Scarritt and travel expense to Nashville for an outstanding young woman, graduate of an A grade college, who desires to equip herself for more efficient service. Ten young women will be chosen from the names submitted by the Conferences, and Louisiana hopes to have one this summer.

We will appreciate your speaking to groups and individuals

about definite needs and sending names of those interested to your Committee for cultivation.

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR., Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL WORK

The Committee on Rural Work has no report for 1939, but hopes in the near future to make a survey of Indians living in the community about Dulac.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. POLLARD, Chairman.

LOUISIANA MISSION FIELDS

REPORT OF JUBILEE INN

It has been our pleasure for another year to welcome girls from Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas into our home and family circle. Most of these have been engaged in office work and department stores. Some have been studying in business and beauty schools. Almost every week during the year our family has numbered twenty-seven.

The friendship and spirit of the home has been fine. The home-like atmosphere which prevails has been helpful to those who are away from their own homes for the first time. Friendships have been made here which are lasting. Sharing and cooperation played a large part in our home life.

Five girls from our family were married during the year. These were fine Christian girls, prepared to establish homes that are stable and Christian. Several others seem eligible for marriage during this year.

The girls have been fortunate in having Mrs. E. L. Gill share her talent and charm in book reviews once each month. Recent and outstanding books were reviewed and information concerning authors and trends in literature added interest and knowledge to the group.

The good times committee stood ready when called up to add evenings of relaxation and fun for the girls. Picnics with games and plenty of eats helped to make tired bodies and minds fresh and ready for a new day. The usual birthdays, holidays and parties added joy to our household.

Many girls have participated in clubs and programs that developed body, mind and spirit. Clubs of the Y.W.C.A., lecturers from the Y.M.C.A., musical clubs, concerts, study classes, and members

of the library have added interest and pleasures to a large number.

Again we give thanks for a splendid year, and for the opportunity to serve a fine group of business girls.

MRS. MARY FREEMAN.

Officers of City Mission Board:

MRS. W. M. LEDBETTER, Pres.
MRS. LEE KINNEBREW, Vice Pres.
MRS. LEE TIDWELL, Recording Sec.
MRS. N. L. HUDSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF STUDENT WORK AT NATCHITOCHES

Student work on the campus of Louisiana State Normal College was opened the first of September, 1939. At the beginning of the fall semester, in cooperation with the Baptist Student Worker, all students were registered as to church affiliation, and cards turned over to the various denominations. Our responsibility was found to be 428 students. Of this number 357 came from Methodist homes; 48 were members of no church; nine members of churches not represented in Natchitoches. In this number are included 23 members of the Christian denomination, which asked that our church cultivate their students. The Christian church has made a small financial contribution to our work this year.

The administration of the college has been very cooperative in helping launch our program and in giving it full support. A large room was prepared for a Methodist Student Center. This room is in the Student Activities Building which is in the center of the campus. With some furniture provided by the college a fund provided by the local church, our Wesley Foundation Center was comfortably and attractively furnished. The Center is kept open at all times and the students feel free to drop in at any time for a visit or a cup of coffee. The Student Worker is always in the Center and finds many opportunities through personal contacts to reach the young people. There are from fifteen to twenty-five visits by students to the Wesley Foundation Center in a day. All committee meetings are held there and increasingly the students are finding it a place where they may feel at home and where they may find understanding and real fellowship.

At the request of the minister, Rev. R. R. Branton, the program was organized at the beginning of the year as a Wesley Foundation. Committees have been set up in the area of Worship, Personnel, Recreation, Publicity, Music, Dramatics, Bible Study. These committees were set up to meet specific needs and are functioning so as to bring new students into our program through their particular interests.

A Student Class, taught by the Student Worker, meets in the Church School on Sunday morning and a meeting of the Wesley Foundation is held at the Church on Sunday evening. A large proportion of students attend these meetings and the Morning Worship and Evening Worship of the Church. A well-planned program of recreation is carried on to meet the needs of the students in this area. At the request of a group of students a Bible Study was organized and held its first meeting last week. A survey course, designed to develop understanding and appreciation of the Bible will be given by the Student Worker. A Peace Play was presented by the dramatic group in the College auditorium in November and a Lenten Play will be presented on Palm Sunday evening. A Radio Program is given by the Wesley Foundation every Fourth Sunday over the College Broadcast Station.

On Feb. 22-23, a College Christian Mission was conducted on our campus by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, who was sent to us under the General Board of Christian Education. Dr. Bullock was most favorable received by both faculty and students and we feel that his visit has given impetus to religious work on our campus. All the Protestant Religious groups—Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., B.S.U., Presbyterian and Episcopal, cooperated with the Wesley Foundation in sponsoring the College Christian Mission. We are very happy over our initial effort in cooperation between the various religious groups.

One of our students, who completed work for B.A. degree at the end of the First Semester, secured through the Wesley Foundation, a position in our MacDonell French Mission, in Houma, La., and is rendering very acceptable service there.

Expressions of appreciation for our work and for the place we have made in the life of the campus have come from our Campus-Church Relations Committee, members of the administration and faculty, and from outstanding students. Our purpose is to give to students an interpretation of life that is Christian and to lead them to a personal commitment to this way of life. We are grateful for the opportunity of serving the student life of Normal, through the program of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

MAMIEJ CHANDLER, Deaconess.

RURAL WORK AT HODGE, LOUISIANA

Among the happiest experiences of the past year were experiences with Young People in District Camp, State Assembly, and in a Youth Crusade Week for the Young People's Union. Two Young People were taken to our Intermediate Camp at Mt. Sequoyah.

They plan to return this year, taking with them two others. Vacation Schools on the charge were under my direction.

The Fall program included the observance of Church Appreciation Week and Childhood and Youth Week in each of the churches. These observances were planned with the purpose of bringing church members to a deeper appreciation for their church and its work and of helping parents and teachers to a better understanding of and closer co-operation with each other.

A church school and three Epworth Leagues have been organized. There have been opportunities for teaching Bible, Mission, and Church School classes.

Much time has been spent in helping with plans for wholesome recreation.

Through the use of a religious census we find many Methodists in Hodge whose membership is elsewhere, many non-members whose preference is Methodist, and many others who declare no denominational preference. Using evangelistic teams, with a definite territory for which each team is responsible, we are going after these people systematically. The response is gratifying.

Living in a dormitory with young women who are employed by the paper mill company in Hodge has given me opportunity for many pleasant contacts and friendships.

MARGARET INFINGER.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RURAL WORK

During the greater part of the year my work at Bonita was a continuation of last year's program. One of the highlights of the year was the Rural People's Conference held there in August. All parish agencies and organizations, church groups, and business men co-operated to make it a big success. School buses, cars, and trucks brought more than five hundred men, women, and children to Bonita for this one-day Conference. There were four age groups provided for: Nursery, Junior, Young People, and Adults. It was well received and a great many requests were made for "another one next summer."

My work is now at Transylvania, a Farm Security Administration Project. More than one hundred and twenty families were living there at the first of the year. Three church groups hold services: Baptist, Methodist, and Church of Christ. There are a Parent-Teacher Association, three Home Demonstration Clubs, and a Community Club. It is a new community, none of the families having lived there for more than one and one-half years and many of them just a few months. Consequently there are great possibilities for service, especially among the young people. For the entire community we are emphasizing recreation and leisure time ac-

tivities. The Methodist activities include preaching twice a month. There is a church school which, for the children, holds a mid-week session. In a short time we shall hold a Christian Workers' School with the help of the Conference Educational Secretary.

All I ask is a place to serve,
My God to give me strength
To do His will, to own His cause,
To make my will His own.

S. E. NUTTALL.

REPORT OF MAC DONELL FRENCH MISSION SCHOOL, MAC DONELL WESLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE, AND FRENCH RURAL WORK

Houma, La.

I. Advisory Board:

Mrs. J. A. Pharr, President; Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.; Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter; Mrs. C. I. Jones; Mrs. Gilman McConnell; Dr. Elmer C. Gunn; Dr. B. H. Andrews.

II. Staff of Workers, 1939-'40:

Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Miss Ione Gandy, Miss Annie Lampard, Deaconess Elizabeth Covington, Miss Mable K. Harrell, Miss Myrtie McDougal, Mr. Davis Paul Smith, Mr. Kenneth Leatherman, Deaconess Ruby Lannom, Mr. Desire Bergeron, Mr. Levy Marcelle, Miss Vera Dugger: Extra substitute worker employed on account of faculty illness, Mrs. Kenneth Leatherman.

(2) Dulac Indian School: Miss Wilhelmina Hooper with a procession of substitute workers.

Report of 1939

Outstanding memories of 1939 cluster round the building program. MacDonell School faculty and students in cooperation with the Pastor, Rev. Oakley Lee and his wife and other members of the newly organized church, worked diligently to erect the church building and parsonage apartment. The opening service in this new church was also the Commencement service of MacDonell School and Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, was the speaker. Needless to say it was an outstanding occasion, signalizing a great advance in the work in the French area.

No sooner was this event down on the records than Pastor and church members, in cooperation with MacDonell School force, began the campaign for buildings at MacDonell School. Conferences with the Architect, letters to the Committee in Nashville and various members of the Board filled the "leisure time" of the entire summer, interspersed with such activities as Vacation Bible Schools, making over mattresses, washing and packing quilts and blankets,

etc. Of course, there was summer school, as usual, and all the demands of the community and rural work, so the summer passed swiftly, if not too restfully.

September! Who does not thrill as the opening day of a school session approaches! It is an inspiring thing to see the eager-hearted boys and girls come trouping in, all with high resolves and glad, expectant faces! What a responsibility as the workers face the nine months of opportunity ahead! This time there were 115 in the gang, but we soon realized that, with the building program ahead it would be impossible to care for that many, so one and another was persuaded to go home and wait another year. No sooner were the boys and girls, and their teachers, all settled in living quarters and class rooms that changes began to occur, for we were then ready to start the buildings. Hope Cottage had to be moved first and a tree or two sacrificed to make way for the new buildings. Such a moving of trees, shrubs and flowers. One never knows how rich one is until moving time arrives. But the boys worked valiently and soon all was in readiness for the laying out of the new work.

How grateful we are to the women of Louisiana for the beautiful, commodious, and convenient laundry building, and to Mrs. Downs for adding to the fund to complete it, and to all the missionary women of our great former Methodist Church, South, for the offerings that made possible the erection of the lovely Downs Hall, a building of which any institution would be proud.

One of the pupils expresses the feeling of all as follows:

"Dear Friends: We thank you for the love you have shown for us by making it possible for the new Downs Hall and the Laundry to be constructed for our use. Every night when going to bed and thinking of the things of the day, I think of you, dear friends, you who have made it possible for us to have many comforts; not thinking mainly of our own comfort, but thinking of the friends who have done without so many things to help construct the lovely new buildings of which we are now so proud. I will do all I can to help keep them in good condition."

We want to add our deep thanks, too, for other gifts of the Louisiana women, Scholarships, Supplies, and most of all your love and interest and prayers.

Scholarships—1939

Alexandria, First Church—Libby Martin.
Alexandria, First Church and Gleaners—Helen Cantrelle.
Alexandria District and Zones—Shirley Rogers, Norman Rogers and Beulah Cantrelle.
Bunkie—Mrs. W. D. Haas, Flossie Martin.
Baton Rouge, First Church—Mollie Hatch and Sadie Martin.
Baton Rouge District—Modress Quatrevingt and Isaac Neal.

Crowley Auxiliary—Bessie Marcelle.
Crowley, Young Women's Circle—Oneida Hunter.
New Iberia—Eunice Griffin.
Lake Charles Auxiliary—Ora Levron.
Lake Charles District, Zones 2 and 4—Lelia Dupre.
Lake Charles District, Zones 1, 3, and 5—Lela Savoie.
Lafayette—Mary Hafers.
Monroe District—Irma Malbrough.
Monroe First Church—Leroy Martin.
West Monroe—Shirley Robichaux.
New Orleans District, Zone 1, N. O.—Martha Porche.
New Orleans District, Zones 2, 3, and 4—Leland Porche.
Carrollton Ave. Elma Savoie.
First Church, N. O.—Roy Audoine.
Rayne Memorial—Helen Pitre.
Rayne Memorial, Snyder Scholarship—Oakland Cantrelle.
Homer and Haynesville—Loricia Neal.
Ruston Auxiliary—Odile Cantrelle.
Shreveport, Zone 1—Victoria Neal.
Shreveport, Zone 2—Robert Hunter.
Shreveport, Zones 3 and 4—Mary Bell Aladdin.
Shreveport First Church—Bessie Cantrelle, and Mary Pitre.
Shreveport Gleaners—Rita Mae Savoie.
Noel Memorial, Shreveport—Theresa Neal and Morris Martin.
Conference, Houma Day Offerings—Lucia Rodrigue.
Ruston District—Lillian Barrios.
Monroe, Parker Memorial Class—Gertrude Landis.
Shreveport, First Church, Mrs. Lamar Baker—Lelia Dupre.
Shreveport, First Church, Baird S. S. Class—Gladys Roubion.
New for 1940, First Church Baton Rouge—Mary Sue Brown Circle—Ethel Robichaux.

THE DULAC INDIAN MISSION

The work at Dulac was carried on by Miss Wilhelmina Hooper and such volunteer helpers as could be secured from time to time. The work has grown steadily and the character and loyalty of the people is thoroughly proven.

The work suffered a set-back when Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, near the close of the year, answered a call to a new piece of work initiated by the public School Board of Iberville Parish. No worker has since been found to carry on in the way the work has been cared for previously. However, mainly through the cooperation of the Pastor, Rev. Oakley Lee and some volunteer helpers, matters have been held to a reasonably high level. It is expected that in the near future some more adequate provisions will be made. The peo-

ple have held loyal and steady and developed in character. The work of the church has gone forward, as usual, and a good deal of extra time given by the Pastor to this work. Through the help and interest of Mr. T. C. Clanton of Shreveport financial support has been assured and gifts from other interested friends have helped to carry the work through the year and into the new year. We trust that this needed and important piece of work will continue to flourish and receive the attention it deserves at the hands of our great church.

The enrollment in the school department has been about 95. The church attendance and church membership have both increased during the year 1939.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Officers of Board

President .....Mrs. J. W. Warren
Vice President.....Mrs. C. C. Hightower
Recording Secretary .....Mrs. H. P. Shallcross
Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. A. M. Barnes
Treasurer .....To be supplied

Members of Staff

Head Resident.....Mary Lou Barnwell
Director of Clinic.....Mrs. Edward Smira
Director Music and Art.....Julia Louir
Director Girls' Work.....Julia Southard
Director Boys' Work.....Wm. H. Owens

One of the high points of the past year was the camp program for 61 boys and girls conducted last summer at the Salvation Army Camp, near Covington. For most of the children, it was their first experience in camping and proved a very happy one. It lasted only 3½ days but plans are under way for a longer period this summer.

Neighborhood Day is a project which is drawing different agencies in the community together for a cooperative program this spring. It is hoped that it will result in more cooperative effort for community welfare in the future.

Last, but not least, dimes bought an automobile for St. Mark's last year. The contributions towards the auto fund were sufficient to pay the entire cost of the car in seven months—a splendid example of how quickly small gifts can grow into something large and valuable, and how united effort can realize those things that seem impossible. St. Mark's is very grateful for the many ways in which the Louisiana Women express their interest in the work in New Orleans.

MARY LOU BARNWELL.

DEPARTMENT OF LAWS

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SOCIETY

Classification of Laws

1. Special Rules.
2. Standing Rules.
3. By-Laws.
4. That these terms be defined as follows:

(1) A rule for one year or expiring with the emergency which called it into being shall be known as a special rule.

(2) A special rule, which by a majority vote of the body is made permanent shall be known as a standing rule. A standing rule shall remain in force until amended or rescinded.

(3) A by-law is a law created by the body that is as binding on all the body and its agencies as is the constitution. Being created by the body, it may be rescinded at the will of the body. An amendment to the by-laws must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

BY-LAWS ADOPTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Note—Constitution and by-laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the Hand Book.

1. Election of officers shall take place biennially.
2. When vacancies among officers or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Conference. At that time the office shall be filled by election.
3. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the President.
4. The Treasurer may disburse without order from President and Conference Secretary the quarterly expense money for officers, superintendents and secretaries. She shall send quarterly itemized statements to the Conference Secretary, President and District Secretaries.
5. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall be responsible for the promotion of the World Outlook and the Louisiana News. She shall appoint with the approval of the Executive Committee, the Editor of the News.
6. The Superintendent of Supplies shall report quarterly to the House Cultivation Secretary in charge of organization and to the Conference Secretary.
7. Districts may be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by January 1 by the District Secretary, subject to the approval of the Conference Secretary. The zone leaders shall hold meetings quarterly in their

zones. A collection may be taken at each meeting. After the expense of the meeting is paid the leader shall send the remainder to the Conference Treasurer, stating the amount and from what zone.

8. Fifty cents per member shall be set aside by the Treasurer for Conference Expense fund. Membership to be based on enrollment December 31 of preceding year. Expenses of officers, Editor of Louisiana Missionary News, speakers at annual meetings and Mid-Term Executive meeting, shall be paid from the Conference Expense fund. All money in the fund at the end of fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.
9. At each annual and district meeting public collections shall be taken for the Conference work and amounts forwarded to the Conference Treasurer. The District Secretary may pay the expense of one outside guest to the district meeting before remitting to the Treasurer.
10. The Treasurer shall advance each quarter for office expense the following amounts: To President, Vice-President, Superintendents Young Women's Groups and Mission and Bible Study, $7.50 each; to Conference Secretary, $12.50; Superintendents of Supplies, Christian Social Relations, Children's Work, $10.00 each; District Secretaries, $5.00 each; Distributor of Literature, $20.00; to Treasurer, $20.00 per month. Postage expense shall be allowed all chairmen of Conference Committees.
11. A half-hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study and worship.
12. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use under proper heading in the Annual Report a copy of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.
13. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the financial needs of the Conference and plan ways to raise money to meet these needs. It shall make an annual report to the Conference Society of its work. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.
14. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and by-laws 30 days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

15. There shall be a Candidate Committee composed of the President, Conference Secretary, and Superintendent of Young Women's Circles. It shall be the duty of this committee to interview those interested in preparing for definite Christian service.
16. When a Council worker is employed by the Conference there shall be set up an Advisory Committee. This shall be composed of the District Secretary, and Conference officer residing within the District, and one woman representing each church in the Charge in which the work is undertaken. The Presiding Elder and Local Pastor may be co-opted members.
17. The duties of Conference Reporter shall be added to the regular duties of the Recording Secretary.
18. There shall be a standing committee on personnel consisting of seven members, preferably one from each District. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep informed as to the type of women needed for places of leadership in the Woman's Missionary Conference, to seek constantly throughout the church for women who are consecrated, trained and available for such places of service. It shall furnish this information to the Conference when the occasion demands.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

Art. 1.—

A letter of introduction shall be issued to the member of the Missionary Society moving from one church to another.

Art. 2.—

Scholarship shall not be granted for Home or Foreign Mission work by Council or Conference, to young women who do not meet the educational requirements adopted by the Council.

Art. 3.—

Application for all specials shall be made through the Conference Secretary.

Art. 4.—

All communications from Conference Officers, such as circular letters, literature, et cetera, must go direct to auxiliary officers of corresponding office, instead of through District Secretaries.

Art. 5.—

The retiring District Secretary shall plan far as possible, and if necessary, hold the first district meeting after Conference. The District Secretary will be allowed expense money to attend one meeting a year in each of the zones in her district.

Art. 6.—

A committee shal be appointed to approve the minutes of each meeting of the Conference session.

Art. 7.—

Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum.

Art. 8.—

In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Conference Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and co-operate with them for the advancement of their work. An expense account may be presented when necessary.

Art. 9.—

Typists shall be supplied at Conference for the writing of committee reports.

Art. 10.—

When a Young Woman's Circle shall have been organized two years that circle shall no longer go by the title of Young Woman's Circle, but a new circle of young women shall be formed, having as a nucleus all old members under 25 years of age.

RULES OF ORDER

Art. 1.—

Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

Art. 2.—

All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

Art. 3.—

No member shall receive recognition unless she rise to address the chair.

Art. 4.—

Courtesies shall be limited to the 10 minutes before noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR ADULT AUXILIARIES

1. All auxiliaries shall hold their business meetings the first week of the month, if advisable.

2. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

3. No new auxiliary can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the Conference Treasurer and District Secretary.

4. Each auxiliary shall pay $4.00 per year for Scarritt Maintenance Fund.

5. In order that the anxiliary entertaining the Annual Conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, a lunch-

eon shall be served by an outside agency, at a price not to exceed 50 cents per plate.

6. In case any auxiliary is not sending a member as delegate to the Annual Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society, that auxiliary may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

7. One-fourth of the membership of the auxiliary shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

8. The president of the auxiliary shall be responsible for the calling of an executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the Conference Officers.

9. Each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary shall send the total amount pledged to the District Secretary, not later than February 1, and the Memorial Roll not later than March 10.

10. Representation at Annual Meetings shall be one delegate for each 60 members or fraction thereof. This entitles each auxiliary, however small, to one delegate.

11. Auxiliaries having the circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least once every two years.

HOW AND WHEN TO REPORT

Officers of the auxiliaries shall comply with rules governing reporting on page 18, 1938 Hand Book.

RULES FOR DELEGATES

1. Thirty days before the Annual Conference, the Conference Recording Secretary shall send to the president of each auxiliary in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in with names of delegates, and with check covering luncheons and mail immediately to Chairman of Registration in auxiliary entertaining the Conference.

2. Delegates should go to the Annual Session of the Conference Society in the spirit of prayer, bearing in mind that the service is for the King of Glory, and that the work must be done in reverence and love for Him who died that we might have everlasting life.

3. The delegate selected to represent her society at a public meeting should go, unless prevented by some serious providence.

4. She should familiarize herself with the minutes of the preceding annual meeting and with the latest Council minutes, and carry a copy of each for reference.

5. Delegates shall remain until the end of the meeting, unless prevented by illness or excused by the chair.

6. The delegates shall attend every business and religious meeting with as much promptness as possible, and shall occupy at each business meeting the seats assigned them at the time of organization.

7. Each delegate shall have a credential card, properly filled out and signed by the Recording Secretary and President of her local auxiliary.

8. She should have a pencil and tablet, note all the proceedings, and prepare a good report for the society that she represents, not merely saying "We had a good meeting," but tell why and how it was beneficial.

9. She should report to her auxiliary at the first meeting after her return home, calling attention to all resolutions and plans proposed at the meeting, and urge her auxiliary to act upon them.

10. She should give out all the information and enthusiasm she can, to inspire those who did not go, and do all in the spirit of prayer.

INFORMATION—ADULT DEPARTMENT

What You Need—Where To Get It

I.—Adult—

(a) Monthly Bulletin from Council. (b) "Louisiana News." If you do not receive your literature write to—. (c) Report subscriptions to World Outlook—$1.00 per year, (containing material for programs) to

—Mrs. J. G. Tinsley, Lafayette, La.

II.—

Order "World Outlook" from "World Outlook," 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.

III.—

(a) New Hand Book for Adult Missionary Societies—. (b) Adult Year Book (Aux. programs). (c) Council 1939 Report. (d) Record and Report Books for— 1. Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary, 35c. 2. Auxiliary Treasurer, 35c. Adult Set (two above), 65c. (e) Pledge Cards, Charter Leaflets, etc. Plays, Demonstrations. Literature on Status of Women. Prices given on request.

—Literature Department, 706 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn. (Money orders, checks, if possible, accompany orders.) Stamps, if sent, will be returned.

IV.—Mission Study Books—

For courses recommended see page "Bible and Mission Study." For information, write Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 239 Robinson Place, Shreveport, La.

—Methodist Publishing House, 510 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., or Dallas, Texas.

V.—

Hand Book and information on Christian Social Relations.

—Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, West Monroe, La.

VI.—Financial Expansion—

Auxiliary Pledge Scarritt Maintenance, Special Gifts to Missions.

—Mrs. F. W. Raggio, 806 Lake Park, Baton Rouge.

VII.—

Life Memberships. Memorial Roll Members.

—Mrs. W. H. Martin, Plain Dealing, La.

VIII.—General Information—

Conference Year Book and Minutes. Literature for New Societies.

—Your District Secretary or Conference Secretary.

IX.—Rural Work—

Zone Plans. Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

—Mrs. W. E. Fine, Homer, La.

X.—Spiritual Cultivation Plans—

—Mrs. R. E. Smith. 451 Kings Highway, Shreveport, La.

HAND BOOK FOR ADULT MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Every president and every officer needs one. In it you will find "How to Organize, and Why"; "How to Be a Good Officer, for Any and All Officers;" "How to Have Good Meetings"; "Parliamentary Rules"; committees, funds, specials; "Why Increase Your Giving." Order from Literature Headquarters, 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.

ROSTER OF

Zone Leaders and Auxiliary Presidents

ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, Natchitoches, La., R. No. 3

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Address
Natchitoches	Mrs. J. L. Brunson	Natchitoches, La.
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. D. L. Dykes	Pleasant Hill, La.
Robeline	Mrs. Moses	Robeline, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. Carol Baron, Pineville, La.

Boyce	Mrs. F. E. Dunnam	Boyce, La.
Colfax	Mrs. P. A. Dean	Colfax, La.
Montgomery	Mrs. J. O. Wardlow	Montgomery, La.
Pineville	Mrs. P. H. O'Neal, care O'Neal Bros.,	Alexandria, La.
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Alexandria	Mrs. J. B. Pollard, 2107 Polk St.,	Alexandria, La.
Alexandria Gleaners	Mrs. G. A. Whitener, 1844 Thornton Court,	Alexandria, La.
Glenmora	Mrs. O. R. McRight	Glenmora, La.
Lecompte	Mrs. H. H. White	Lecompte, La.
Oakdale	Mrs. T. E. Brown	Oakdale, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. H. Parker, Ville Platte, La.

Bunkie	Mrs. T. D. Chapman	Bunkie, La.
Marksville	Mrs. C. A. Riddle	Marksville, La.
Melville	Mrs. C. B. Powell	Melville, La.
Opelousas	Mrs. Felix Dezauche	Opelousas, La.
Palmetto	Mrs. G. A. McDaniel	Palmetto, La.
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Oak Grove	Mrs. Vernon Fullington	Center Point, La.

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Tullos	Mrs. C. E. Coleman	Tullos, La.
Winnfield	Mrs. L. R. Thomas	Winnfield, La.
Urania	Mrs. Gladys Bailey	Urania, La.

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Jena	Mrs. O. J. Evans	Jena, La.
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Plaquemine	Mrs. Earle Lauve	Plaquemine, La.
Rosedale	Mrs. D. B. Barrow	Rosedale, La.
Slaughter	Mrs. J. I. Law	Bass, La.
Zachary	Mrs. A. W. Montegudo	Zachary, La.

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Angie	Mrs. George Stafford	Angie, La.
Bogalusa	Mrs. C. D. Tisdale	Bogalusa, La.
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Day	Mrs. Opal McDaniel	Liverpool, La.
Kentwood	Mrs. Ralph Napier	Kentwood, La.

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Auxiliary	Presidents	Address
Baker	Mrs. C. O. Munson	Baker, La.
Blackwater	Mrs. Alvin Sides, R. 4, Baton Rouge, La.	
Deerford	Mrs. J. F. Millican	Deerford, La.
Live Oak	Mrs. T. W. Ott	Watson, La.
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. A. Johnson	Prarieville, La.
Walker	Mrs. Walter Coburn	Corbin, La.
Denham Springs	Mrs. George Caldwell, Denham Springs, La.	
Carpenters Chapel	Mrs. Walter Carpenter	Hobart, La.

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Ponchatoula	Mrs. Sam Yawn	Ponchatoula, La.
Springfield	Mrs. Rudolph Hoover, R. 1, Hammond, La.	
Lees Landing	Miss Bernie Raiford, R. 1, Ponchatoula, La.	
Wesley Chapel	Miss Lizzie Howes, R. 1, Ponchatoula, La.	
Tickfaw	Mrs. Hauce Wilson	Tickfaw, La.
Tangipahoa	Mrs. A. R. Costa	Tangipahoa, La.

Zone 5—Mrs. T. E. Spillman, Leader, Spillman, La.

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Ethel	Mrs. A. D. St. Amant	Jackson, La.
Jackson	Mrs. J. H. Trotter	Ethel, La.
New Hope	Mrs. T. E. Spillman	Spillman, La.
St. Francisville	Mrs. Harry Daniel	St. Francisville, La.

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Hackberry	Mrs. A. M. Watts	Hackberry
Lake Charles	Mrs. J. L. Farque, Cherokee Hotel	Lake Charles, La.
Moss Bluff	Mrs. Edythe Armistead, R. 1, Lake Charles	
Sulphur	Mrs. W. P. Lewis	Sulphur
Vinton	Mrs. L. O. Campbell	Vinton
Cameron	Mrs. M. D. Trombley	Cameron

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Claiborne	Mrs. J. R. Frantom	West Monroe
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Monroe—Gordon	Mrs. J. M. Alford	Monroe
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Sterlington	Mrs. Gilford Wright	Sterlington
Swartz	Mrs. T. G. Johnson	Swartz
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Epps	Mrs. A. L. Motley	Epps
Forest	Mrs. J. H. Waller	Forest
Oak Grove	Mrs. Jesse James	Oak Grove
Rayville	Mrs. W. L. Haley	Rayville
Tallulah	Mrs. A. C. Thompson	Tallulah
Lake Providence	Mrs. C. R. Brown	Lake Providence

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Felicity	Mrs. J. T. Monroe	New Orleans
First Church	Mrs. T. P. Bell	New Orleans
Gentilly	Mrs. Max Lindabaur	New Orleans
McDonoughville	Mrs. H. A. Hailey	Gretna

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Parker Memorial	Mrs. George Robinson	New Orleans
Rayne Memorial	Mrs. C. I. Jones	New Orleans
Second Church	Mrs. M. Rouse	New Orleans
St. Marks	Mrs. M. E. Mandlebaum	New Orleans

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Pearl River	Miss Gertrude Svendson	Pearl River
Slidell	Mrs. J. H. Robert	Slidell

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Bayou Blue	Mrs. Eldon Arceneaux	Houma
Golden Meadow	Mrs. M. E. Brossette	Golden Meadow
Labadieville	Mrs. Emile Richard	Labadieville
Lockport	Mrs. Manny Barrios	Lockport
Point Au Chene	Mrs. John Neal, Sr.	Montegut

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Franklin	Mrs. C. C. Wier	Franklin
Franklin Business Women	Miss Martha Simonton	Franklin
Houma	Mrs. Claude Ellender	Houma
Houma Heights	Mrs. B. F. Walton	Houma
Morgan City	Mrs. John Pharr	Berwick

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Cotton Valley	Mrs. G. L. Frye	Cotton Valley
Haynesville	Mrs. A. H. Hunt	Haynesville
Harmony Chapel	Mrs. Jennings Fuller	Hico
Homer	Mrs. George Tigner	Homer
Lisbon	Mrs. B. W. McDonald	Lisbon
Springhill	Mrs. George Gleason	Springhill

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Gibsland	Mrs. E. W. Nelson	Giblsand
Heflin	Mrs. K. J. Miles	Heflin
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Choudrant	Mrs. U. S. Roane	R.F.D., Ruston
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Dubach	Mrs. Frankie McCollum	Dubach
Farmerville	Mrs. Stein Baughman	Farmerville
Hilly	Mrs. J. E. Saint	Hilly
Marion	Mrs. S. L. Reeves	Marion
Ruston	Mrs. S. L. Cole	Ruston
Salem	Mrs. G. H. Dye	Hilly
Summerfield	Mrs. W. A. Gray	Summerfield
Simsboro	Mrs. L. W. Willis	Simsboro
Weldon	Mrs. J. H. Boatman	Rt. 3, Bernice

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Clay	Mrs. W. F. Henderson	Clay
Dodson	Mrs. Marvin Berry	Dodson
Hodge	Mrs. John Michand	Hodge
Jonesboro	Mrs. Fred Calloway	Jonesboro
Quitman	Mrs. W. R. Guess	Quitman

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Ida	Mrs. Fred James	Ida
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Oil City	Mrs. P. T. Alexander	Oil City
Shreveport Noel	Mrs. E. A. Sartor	Shreveport
Vivian	Mrs. C. H. Pardue	Vivian
Rodessa	Mrs. E. O. Hinton	Rodessa

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Bossier City	Mrs. W. B. Newby	Shreveport
Doyline	Mrs. C. W. Thompson	Doyline

Haughton	Mrs.	T. H. Lawrence	Haughton
Plain Dealing	Mrs.	W. H. Martin	Plain Dealing
Shreveport Mangum	Mrs.	S. O. Grubbs	Shreveport
Shreveport Wynn	Mrs.	C. L. Ashworth	Shreveport
Shreveport Broadmoor	Mrs.	H. L. Truly	Shreveport

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. L. Gilmer, Stonewall

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Cedar Grove	Mrs.	W. P. Robert	Cedar Grove
Grand Cane	Mrs.	C. C. Payne	Grand Cane
Greenwood	Mrs.	J. B. Vaughn	Greenwood
Keithville	Mrs.	Bryan Bush	Keithville
Logansport	Mrs.	Earnest Pewitt	Logansport
Shreveport Park Avenue	Mrs.	W. L. Slagle	Shreveport
Stonewall	Mrs.	W. L. Gilmer	Stonewall

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Coushatta	Mrs.	Tom Wimberly	Coushatta
East Point	Mrs.	E. A. Carlisle	East Point
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Holley Springs	Mrs.	Justin Teer	Rt. 1, Coushatta
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Mansfield	Mrs.	F. H. Bradshaw	Mansfield
Mitchell	Mrs.	Jack Williams	Mitchell
Noble	Mrs.	J. J. Mulley	Noble
Pelican	Mrs.	W. B. Lunday	Pelican
Shreveport First Church	Mrs.	Clarence Shaffer	Shreveport
Shreveport Gleaners	Mrs.	R. H. Nelson	Shreveport
Wesley Chapel	Mrs.	Ben Wimberly	Rt. 2., Coushatta
Zwolle	Mrs.	O. L. Salter	Zwolle
Jamestown	Mrs.	J. E. Boggs	Jamestown

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